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上条明峰
KAMIJYO AKIMINE

奮。

狂や他のキャラ達を
約6年も描き続けていると、
正直もう目ェつむってでも
描けるぜっ!‥‥とか言ってみたい。
未だ原稿とにらめっこしながら奮闘中。
サムライティーバーたる者
精進し続けないとなっ!(笑)

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KYO

キョウ

第三十二巻

上条明峰

おもな登場人物

壬生京四郎

狂のもう一人の人格。狂の魂を封印したのは、この京四郎の仕業だ。日本の歴史を影から操る謎の一族「壬生一族」の一員だった。

紅虎

人呼んで"影法師の紅虎"。徳川家康の三男・秀忠が、その正体だ。魂を使わせたら天下一品!

狂

千人斬りの伝説を持つ最強最悪の侍。深紅に燃える眼から"鬼眼の狂"と呼ばれ、以前は四聖天を率い、殺戮の限りを尽くした。封印された自分の魂を探す旅を続ける。

椎名ゆや

賞金稼ぎをしながら、兄の命を奪った「背中にキスのある男」を探している。

サスケ

真田家を護る真田十勇士の一人。チビッ子だけど強い。

四聖天

最強の漫・狂の下に再び集った最強の四武神。

梵天丸

灯

ほたる

アキラ

前巻のあらすじ

ほたるは、かつての師匠である遊庵と念願の対決に突入するが、本気になった遊庵の前に歯が立たない。だが仲間と出会ったことで得た己の力を証明するため、死力を振り絞ったほたるは"紅い眼"を覚醒させ遊庵を打ち破る！

一方、庵曽新から「今の強さが限界」と告げられ、一人飛び出したアキラの前に謎の人物が現れる。アキラを追う紅虎が追いついた時、そこにはアキラの刀が一本落ちているのみだった。

その頃、狂たちは遊庵の父にして壬生一の刀匠・寿里庵と、京四郎に連れ去られたゆやは、千生の巫女・朔夜と遭遇していた。

壬生陰陽殿人物分布図

所在が定かでない人物

鎮明
死んだと見せかけて暗躍中。

真田幸村と真田十勇士
壬生に潜入中。

出雲阿国
情報収集にあたっている。

四方堂
地下迷宮から先代"紅の王"に会いに向かっている。

ひしぎ
京四郎とともに紅の塔の上部に帰還?

アキラ
謎の人物と接触し行方不明に。

紅の塔

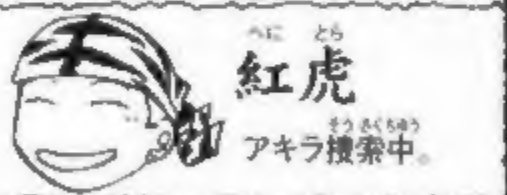
紅の塔 上部

紅の塔 中〜下部

時人の領土

時人の近衛隊士

塔外部



遊庵の領土

遊庵の近衛隊士

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もくじ

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★この物語はフィクションです。実在の人物、団体名等とは関係ありません。

I'VE SIRED DOZENS OF CHILDREN AND A THOUSAND TIMES AS MANY BLADES!
I'M AT YOUR BACK, MY FRIEND AND MAY THIS DUEL NEVER END!
THE GLEAMING LENGTH THAT REFLECTS ALL THE STINGING EDGE TO SEVER BONE!
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KYO
IS THIS
YAAH!
THE BLACKSMITH JULIAN THAT SHIHODO WAS TALKING ABOUT? THE MASTER OF MURAMASA?!
其之百五十一
「鬼の子反逆団」の"穴"

DO YOU LOVE YOUR SWORD?
OH?
WHAT'S YOUR ANSWER
WHAT?

READY? ONE TWO I CHOSE TO KISS YOUR POINTED BLADE AND THUS DIDST SPLIT MY TONGUE!
GET THE HELL OFF OF ME.
OH FEISTY AREN'T WE?
AW SO YOU DON'T LIKE YOUR SWORD THAT
WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY?

IN THAT CASE, I MIGHT JUST HAVE TO REDUCE THESE TWO CURSED MURAMASA SWORDS TO RUSTY SCRAP!
WHAT-THE.....!!
W-WAIT!
YOU BOTH FAIL! I'VE CHANGED MY MIND. FARE THEE WELL!
DAMN IT! THATS SLIPPERY
WHERE DID HE GO?!
いつの間に!?
*translation note

*WH-WHEN DID HE GET OUR SWORDS?!

WHICH MEANS HE MIGHT KNOW WHAT I'VE BEEN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT!
BUT HE WAS ABLE TO HANDLE THE CURSED SHIBIEN. WHICH EVEN MURAMASA COULDN'T CONTROL!
INCREDIBLE! NOT ONLY DID HE STEAL MY SWORD AND DEMON EYES KYO'S IN AN INSTANT
"IF YOU'RE EVER IN TROUBLE UPSTAIRS, RAIN RAT CALL OUT TO JULIAN."
I CAN'T EVEN SENSE HIM.
DAMN! WHERE COULD THAT TRICKY RAT HAVE GONE?!
JULIAN-SAN, I'LL GIVE YOU THIS AND MY BODY IF YOU SAVE ME!
S-S-Sasuke-kun? Do you have something to tell us?

HOW THOUGHTFUL OF YOU, LITTLE GIRL! HEY NOW GOOD-LOOKIN'! I COULD LOVE YOU LIKE A BLADE, I COULD-
STAY AWAY! I'M A MAN!
YOU RANG?
(CHMP)
ENOUGH JAB-BERING. GIVE THE SWORDS BACK!
HUH? ARE WE ANGRY NOW?
FUNNY, EH?
HUH? WERE THE PANTIES. Just a prank"
HUH?
SHEESH! SOME PEOPLE JUST CAN'T TAKE A JOKE. I'VE BEEN WAIT-ING AROUND FOREVER FOR SOMEONE TO COME ALONG TO GIVE SHIHODO'S SECRET MESSAGE, SEE? Sent via secret cloud mail!
LET'S HEAD TO MY HIDEOUT!
WELL, THIS IS NO PLACE TO TRY HOLDING A NICE CONVERSATION.

OKAY JULIAN OR WHATEVER YOUR NAME IS! I'VE HAD ENOUGH! GIVE US OUR SWORDS BACK!
AND WHAT IS THIS FILTHY PLACE?!
PIPE DOWN MY SWEET JUST TRUST ME AND FOLLOW
THE CRIMSON TOWER HAS BEEN IN UPHEAVAL LATELY AS PROOF OF THAT LOOK AND SEE THE REMAINS OF THE FORBIDDEN ARMY THAT GOT UNLEASHED BACK THERE
I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS SHORTCUT TO THE UPPER LEVELS
THE "DISEASE OF DEATH" THAT KILLED MURAMASA IS AN AFFLICTION UNIQUE TO THE MIBU AND IT'S CAUSE AND CURE ARE STILL COMPLETELY UNKNOWN
IT'S SAD NOT EVEN THE MAN WHO CLAWED HIS WAY TO THE TOP OF THE FOUR ELDERS COULD BEAT THE DISEASE
DID HE AT LEAST DIE IN PEACE?
NOT HALF AS NOISY AS YOU!
I'll make you all a stain on my blade
IT'S GOTTEN A LOT NOISIER AROUND HERE, I CAN TELL YOU THAT!
BY THE WAY DEMON EYES KYO
IS IT TRUE YOU WERE A WITNESS TO MURAMASA'S END?

IT'S A SAD WORLD WE LIVE IN THE GOOD ONES ARE ALWAYS THE FIRST TO GO.
YEAH...
AH.. THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR.
SACK OF CRAP"
HEY WHAT'S YOUR CONNEC-TION TO SHIHODO" SHE CALLED YOU A SACK OF CRAP YOU KNOW
NO WONDER HE SEEMED FAMILIAR HE'S EXACTLY LIKE SHIHODO
OH
OKAY THEN. DEMON EYES KYO' ARE YOU READY TO LIGHT OFF ONE HUGE MOTHER OF A FIREWORKS SHOW FOR MURAMASA?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN"
Hnk
NOW THAT'S LOVE What a friend
FRIENDS?

OKAY HERE WE ARE!
MURAMASA MUST HAVE BEEN REALLY EASY-GOING IF HE COULD PUT UP WITH A LUNATIC LIKE THIS GUY FOR A MASTER!
AKIRA!!
AKIRA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
K-KYO?

AKIRA
WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?
YES
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT AKIRA?
OH YEAH I PICKED HIM UP BECAUSE HE SEEMED KINDA FUNNY
PICKED HIM UP ?
HEY, DAD! YOU STILL ALIVE IN HERE?
HUH?!

SO, THAT'S THE STORY...
AND NOW HOTARU HERE IS DISCOVERING HIS POWERS ON TOP OF EVERYTHING ELSE!
BON AND YUYA-CHAN ARE PRISONERS. KYOSHIRO MIBU STOLE KYO'S BODY, AND TORA HAS GONE MISSING
WHY DOES SASUKE WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE CRIMSON EYES SO BAD? WHY DOES SASUKE WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE CRIMSON EYES SO BAD?
OUCH!
WOW
WHA
HEY! JULIAN!
GIVE BACK MY SHIBIEN! I HAVE TO ASK IT ABOUT THE CRIMSON EYES AND EVERY THING ELSE!
GIVE IT!
*No Trespassing
IT'S OKAY KID LEAVE IT TO MY DAD HE MAY BE TONE DEAF BUT HE'S THE BEST BLACKSMITH IN THE MIBU CLAN
WHAT!
! Huh

THE "HOLE" I'VE BEEN DIGGING IS A SECRET PASSAGE THROUGH A BLOCKED-OFF AIR VENT. IT SHOULD TAKE US THROUGH THAT TERRITORY UNNOTICED
THE CRIMSON KING'S CRIMSON CHAMBER SITS AT THE TOP OF THE TOWER. BUT IN ORDER TO REACH IT WE'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE AREAS CONTROLLED BY EACH OF THE FOUR ELDERS FUBUKI, HISHIGI AND TOKITO...PLUS ALL THE FORBIDDEN ARMY GUARDS AS WELL.
IT WON'T BE EASY TO MAKE OUR WAY UP. THERE ARE FORBIDDEN ARMY TROOPS ALL OVER THE CRIMSON TOWER RESPONDING TO SOME KIND OF EMERGENCY.
Crimson Chamber
Fubuki's Castle
Fubuki's Area
Hishigi's Castle
Hishigi's Area
Army
Tokito's Castle
Tokito's Area
AH, BUT IT'S PRECISELY FOR SUCH A SITUATION THAT I, THE GREAT JULIAN, HAVE CONSTRUCTED MY SECRET PASSAGE LEADING UPWARD!
THERE'S JUST ONE PROBLEM. WHEN TRAVELING FROM ONE ELDER'S AREA TO ANOTHER, THE STRUCTURE OF THE TOWER FORCES YOU TO TRAVEL THROUGH THAT ELDER'S CASTLE, RATHER THAN BYPASSING IT.
THAT GUY JUST HIT AN ELDER!
OW!
TAKE A LOOK
SECRET PASSAGE!
GIVE BACK MY KATANA!
"HOLE" IS MORE LIKE IT. THE BEST BLACKSMITH AND NEEDLE MAN IN THE MIBU HAS SPENT ALL THIS TIME IGNORING HIS FAMILY, REDUCED TO BEING A SIMPLE HOLE-DIGGER!

IT'S INCREDIBLE THAT ONE PERSON WAS ABLE TO MANAGE ALL OF THIS WITHOUT BEING DISCOVERED.
YEP!
SO EITHER WAY, WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH EACH ELDER CASTLE TO GET THERE?
IT LETS US AVOID THE DAMN ARMY?!
THEN WHAT'S THE POINT?!
I DID IT AS A SORT OF PUNISH-MENT TO MYSELF .
YOUR HEART?
BUT HERE'S THE FUNNY THING
I JUST WANT CLOSURE AND PEACE
I DIG THE HOLE UPWARD TO FILL THE VERY HOLE THAT EMPTIES MY HEART .
UNLIKE MURAMASA'S CASE, MY REBELLION AGAINST THE MIBU IS FOR VERY PER-SONAL REASONS
WHAT?
PERSONAL REASONS?
THE LESS THE HOLE IN MY HEART IS FILLED IN FACT. THE SOUND OF THE WIND BLOWING INTO THAT HOLLOW MUSCLE JUST GETS LOUDER.
THE MORE I DIG AND DIG, AND THE MORE THE MOUNTAIN OF DIRT I'M BUILD-ING THREATENS TO BURY ME .

NO MATTER WHAT I DO, THIS HOLE WILL NEVER DISAPPEAR...
IN FACT, THE MORE I DIG, THE MORE I REMEMBER THAT WHICH I HAVE LOST ..
DAD...
CAN YOU JUST GIVE BACK THE SWORDS NOW?
YEAH. 'BOUT TIME, I'D SAY
SOUNDS GREAT, DAD
FORTUNATELY, I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE ACTUALLY DIGGING THE HOLE ANYMORE.
CHK
BUT WHILE I WAS AT IT
BETTER NOT TELL ANTHONY AND THE OTHERS.

.. THE GREAT JULIAN, MASTER BLACKSMITH OF THE MIBU CLAN, PERFORMED JUST A LITTLE BIT OF MAINTENANCE!
Y-YOU CAN HANDLE MURAMASA'S CURSED BLADES?!
THE SHINE IS BRIGHTER!
THE CURSED MURAMASA SWORDS ARE VITAL "KEYS."
BESIDES
YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL
WHAT KIND OF MASTER CAN'T HANDLE HIS APPRENTICE'S WORK?
WH-WHAT DID HE TELL THEM?
I HAD A GOOD LONG TALK WITH THESE KATANAS JUST WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT TIME YOU USE 'EM!
SHF

AND ALL THE ANSWERS LIE BEYOND THAT POINT!
SH- SHIBIEN IS THE KEY?!
IS TO BE A SET OF KEYS THAT CAN OPEN THE DOOR THAT ONLY HE WHO IS CALLED THE CRIMSON KING CAN ENTER, BEHIND WHICH SLEEPS THE GREATEST SECRET OF THE MIBU CLAN
KEYS?
MURAMASA'S BLADES, TOO SEE
WERE CREATED IN A SET OF FOUR ONLY ABLE TO UNLOCK THEIR TRUE POWER TOGETHER. THEY WERE MEANT TO PROTECT AND ALSO DEFEAT THE ONE MAN GIVEN THE TITLE OF THE CRIMSON KING
SO THAT'S WHY FUBUKI HAS TO BE CAUTIOUS
TENRO IS KYO'S, SHIBIEN IS SASUKE-KUN'S, AND HOKURAKU SHIMON IS TORA'S BUT WHAT'S THE USE. IF WE DON'T KNOW
THE LAST BLADE
THEIR TRUE PURPOSE

IT ONLY MAKES SENSE THAT THE BLADE'S INNATE POWERS WOULD BE MOST RESPONSIVE TO THE ONE DESCENDED DIRECTLY FROM THE MAN WHO FORGED IT.
IS IN TOKITO'S HANDS.
TOKITO'S TRUE STRENGTH LIES NOT IN FORTUNE TELLING OR HIS ATHLETICISM .IT 'S IN THE WAY HE WIELDS CURSED BLADES.
ALL THIS TALK OF BLOOD AGAIN
AND IT'S BECAUSE OF HIS BLOODLINE?!
TRUE STRENGTH? YOU MEAN TOKITO'S EVEN TOUGHER THAN I THOUGHT?
WHAT ?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
AKIRA ?
IT'S NOTHING
YOU'RE ALL RAGGED LOOKING AND YOU WON'T TELL US A THING WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
DON'T WORRY, AKARI IT'S NOTHING

DON'T BE BOSSY, SHINJO.
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE! WE HAVE TO HURRY!
OF COURSE!
HOTARU'S MASTER, INDEED
HA HA HA!
HUH?
Far-off look
AN ELDER? YEAH, I REMEMBER WHEN PEOPLE CALLED ME THAT
T-T-TOGETHER WITH ONE OF THE FOUR ELDERS? *Weird.*
WHAT?
WELL, YOU HEARD THE MAN'S STORY. I'LL BE TAG-GING ALONG, OF COURSE. *Hear that, cursed-sword boy?*
WHERE S KYO ? *He was just here*
URGH...

KAFF
KAFF
THE DEATH DISEASE, IS IT?
WHEN DID IT START?
SO YOUR BODY .WELL. TECHNICALLY KYOSHIRO MIBU'S BODY HAS DEVELOPED THE SAME DISEASE THAT TOOK OUT MURAMASA

IF THIS KEEPS UP, YOU REALIZE YOU'RE GOING TO DIE SOON, DON'T YOU?
FROM THE LOOKS OF Y QUITE A WHILE AGO, NO? AND YO HAVEN'T TOLD YOUR FRIENDS?
THE SHOCK OF THAT PROBABLY ACCELER-ATED THE SPREAD OF THE DIS-EASE.
I M NO DOCTOR, CAN'T SAY FOR SURE, BUT BASEI WHAT I'VE HEARD WHEN Y RETURNED TO YO OWN BODY, YOU LEFT KYOSHIRO MIBU'S BODY AN EMPTY SHELL FO TIME, DIDN'T YO
I'D SAY YOU'RE IN TROUBLE, DEMON EYES KYO.

ZEKE SCANLATIONS

OUR TWO FAVORITE BROTHERS WITH AN ANNOUNCEMENT!
GO BUY SDK AND PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE FOR US!
I CANNOT BELIEVE WE'RE THIS DESPERATE
I'm starving!
GROUP LEADER XXAWESOMELUCYXX
THREE PEOPLE TOTAL!

ZEKE SCANLATIONS

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This new credits page is dedicated to the two new members of the team, KageKimosu and Irulanikah!! Others offered help, but I didn't need it (yet). When my Photoshop started to die on me, I couldn't refuse. And now *Zeke Scanlations* is actually a scanlation group. Hurrah!

This page was really from the Valentine's Day competition to see who got the most chocolates at the end of this volume. I didn't want to use an Akira page from this volume because that could hold spoilers *gasp* Hotaru and Shinrei tied for first, Akira got second, and Kamijyo-sensei got third (which is why the little "Lucy" has three fingers up. Isn't that just handy?)

I MUST BE GETTING OLD, IF YUAN'S GENSHISO ILLUSION CAN DECEIVE THE EYES OF MY SPY
Meowww
IF YUAN SIDES WITH DEMON EYES KYO'S GROUP, IT WILL PROVE TROUBLESOME FUBUKI
BUT, HISHIGI HE DOES NOT KNOW THE TRUE MEANING OF THE MIBU RECONSTRUCTION PLAN WE WILL SIMPLY DISPOSE OF HIM ALONG WITH DEMON EYES KYO AND HIS COMRADES.
SAMURAI DEEPER
KYO
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CHAPTER 252

AKIRA ALL ALONE

NEXT WILL BE TOKITO'S REALM.
YOU DON'T FIND IT NECESSARY TO EXPLAIN TO TOKITO?
YOU INTEND TO HIDE THE TRUTH THEN?
THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY I DON'T FORESEE ANY DEFEAT WHERE IS THE FORMER KING? AND MIBU KYOSHIRO?
MURAMASA KNEW EVERYTHING.
IN FACT MURAMASA WAS—
SILENCE!!

SEEING TOKITO REMINDS ME OF THE GOOD OLD DAYS
YOU NEED NOT APOLOGIZE I WILL FOLLOW YOU NO MATTER WHAT YOU DECIDE
I APOLO-GIZE
I SWORE TO FOLLOW YOU TO THE DEPTHS OF HELL IF NEED BE THAT DAY

OUCH! THAT HURTS!
OH I'M JUST HELPING HIS **SINGING PRACTICE**. THAT'S ALL. DEMON EYES KYO HAS TROUBLE MEMORIZING HIS NOTES. SEE? I'M JUST GIVING HIM SOME TRAINING.
JULIAN-SAN! WHAT WERE YOU TALKING WITH KYO ABOUT?! NO SECRETS NOW!

Slicing, slashing, hacking to the bone!

斬り 斬り

STAY BACK YOU PERVERT! MY BUTT HURTS ENOUGH AS IT IS!

ぞろ

I WOULDN'T TOUCH YOU! DON'T SUGGEST!

HURRY UP AKARI

You're holding us up!

YEAH JUST HILARIOUS

ぞろ

IS THIS FUNNY YOU GUYS TOO?

THAT'S GOING TO RELEASE YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS POWER, BABE! SMALL PRICE TO PAY FOR HAVING THE MIBU'S BEST NEEDLE MASTER WORK ON YOU!

ARRRGH! MY BUTT IS KILLING ME BECAUSE JULIAN-SAN STUCK THOSE AWFUL NEEDLES IN IT!

HEY, KEIKOKU, WHAT ABOUT THE SILENT ONE BACK THERE? DID ANTHONY GIVE HIM THE NEEDLES?

DEMON EYES KYO AND SASUKE-CHAN DON'T NEED TO RELEASE ANY SUBCONSCIOUS POWER

I THINK ANTHONY WAS BETTER

WE'LL SEE!

I'M GLAD I DIDN'T NEED THAT

WHAT HE WANTS TO DO?

There ain't nothin' I can't do! Shining brighter than the sharpest blade!

"YOU ARE AT THE LIMIT OF YOUR POWER AKIRA. YOU CAN'T GET ANY TOUGHER THAN YOU ARE NOW!"

AH, PUT A SOCK IN IT, JULIAN! IF YOU'RE GONNA GUIDE US, THEN GUIDE US! JUST STOP SINGING!

I PICKED AKIRA UP BECAUSE I'M LETTIN' HIM DO WHAT HE WANTS TO DO

You just let the great Julian handle him.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM

SHH, YUAN...

WE'VE BEEN CRAWLING THROUGH THIS STUPID TUNNEL, BUT ARE WE REALLY GOING TO WHERE WE WANT TO END UP?!
SHEESH, I DON'T KNOW IF I TRUST THIS GUY
C'MON, PUT SOME FAITH IN ME!
I BET BY NOW YUAN'S AND TOKITO'S REALMS ARE JUST CHOCK FULL OF THE CRIMSON KING'S FORBIDDEN ARMY TROOPS SEARCHING HIGH AND LOW FOR YOU!
YOU WOULDN'T BE SAFE AND SOUND IN HERE WITHOUT MY HELP!
I HOPE EVERY ONE WILL BE OKAY
UGH GREAT
ARE YOU SO SURE? A FORBIDDEN ARMY TROOPER HAS 10 TIMES HE REGENERATIVE ABILITY OF THE DISCIPLES YOU ENCOUNTERED EARLIER
SO WHAT? I COULD DESTROY THOSE WEAK LITTLE NOBODIES WITH A SINGLE BLOW!
SAY, YUAN, TOKITO IS THE CHILD OF A MIBU TRAITOR, RIGHT? HOW DID SOMEONE LIKE THAT WIND UP WITH A POSITION OF POWER AND MADE ONE OF THE FOUR ELDERS?
Same goes for you, actually
WHAT?!
YEAH HIM WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT
POOR GUY
WHAT ABOUT BENI-TORA?
HEY ANTHONY AND THE KIDS ARE STILL PART OF MY PERSONAL GUARD THEY'VE BEEN TRAINED TO PROTECT THEMSELVES NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT
They're all my apprentices.

FUBUKI AND HISHIGI MIGHT KNOW ABOUT TOKITO'S MOTHER.
THEY WERE OLD FRIENDS WITH MURAMASA, AND THEY PROTECTED THE MIBU AS A TEAM, YEARS AGO.
TOKITO'S A MONSTER. THERE ARE VERY FEW PEOPLE WHO ARE TOUGHER AMONG THE MIBU.
WOULDN'T IT BE EASIER TO KEEP SOMEONE LIKE THAT CLOSE TO YOU, THAN LET THEM RUN FREE?
Like you did with me, hmm?
WELL, IF MURAMASA WAS A TRAITOR, WHAT ABOUT TOKITO'S MOM?
BASED ON HIS POWERS, YOU'D HAVE TO ASSUME THAT HER BLOOD ADDED CONSIDERABLE STRENGTH TO THE MIX.
WHAT A HORRID MOTHER! AS A FELLOW WOMAN, I'VE GOT WORDS FOR HER! Grr!
HE DIDN'T KNOW HER..
IS THAT HOW IT WORKS?
Tokito's Castle
AH HA! HERE WE ARE!!

WELCOME TO TSUKIKAGE, THE "MOON SHADOW CASTLE!"
OH, YOU WON'T FIND BONTENMARU HERE
BONTENMARU- WHERE'S BONTEN-MARU?!
BON

YET HERE YOU ARE, COMING CRAWLING THROUGH THE WALL! JUST LIKE RATS!
TOKITO!!
WELL, WELL, WELL.. I DON'T REMEMBER EXTENDING INVITATIONS TO YOUR ENTIRE GROUP..
TOKITO!
WAS HE HERE ALL THIS TIME? I DIDN'T NOTICE!
SHOW SOME PATIENCE. I'VE BEEN WAITING A LONG TIME FOR YOU HERE.
WHERE'S BON? WHERE DID YOU PUT HIM?!
YUAN? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE WITH THIS BUNCH?

TOKITO
WELL, I'LL BE SURE TO GIVE YOUR SMIRKING HEAD TO FUBUKI-SAN AS A GIFT LATER!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE BETTER THAN THAT, YUAN.
SORRY, I'VE CAST OFF THE DOG'S COLLAR, TOKITO
MOVING ON! DEMON EYES KYO...
...I OWE YOU A WORD OF THANKS.
THANKFULLY IN CARRYING ON IN HIS STEAD YOU'VE PRESENTED YOURSELF AS MY CHANCE TO FINALLY GET REVENGE AGAINST HIS LEGACY
HOWEVER THE OPPORTUNITY WAS DENIED ME WHEN HE MANAGED TO DIE ON HIS OWN.
I HAD ALWAYS PLEDGED VENGEANCE AGAINST HIM
I HAVE LIVED A LIFE OF PAIN AND AGONY, THANKS TO MY IDIOTIC FATHER.
WHAT?

IT'S PERFECT!
ARGH!
WSSH
WHAT POWER! AND JUST FROM DRAWING IT OUT OF THE SHEATH! THIS IS THE FINAL CURSED BLADE AND TOKITO MUST BE ABLE TO CONTROL IT TO IT'S FULLEST EXTENT!

A-AKIRA!
I WILL DEFEAT TOKITO AND HAND THE BLADE TO BON.
GO ON AHEAD AND WIN BACK YOUR BODY AND YUYA-SAN.
I'll catch up to you in no time!
LET TOKITO'S OPPONENT BE ME... AKIRA OF THE SHISEITEN!

NO, AKIRA... I CAN'T LEAVE THIS IN YOUR HANDS. STEP ASIDE.
WHAT? BUT...
WHAT?!
BUT BUT YOU ADMITTED IT! YOU SAID I WAS STRONGER!
THAT I WAS ALMOST AS STRONG AS YOU! JUST NEXT IN LINE!
THAT'S WHY YOU SAID YOU'D TAKE ME SERIOUSLY, WASN'T IT?!
I WILL FIGHT YOU
WHAT?
WH WHY KYO? I DON'T UNDER-STAND
NO..
DEMON EYES KYO HAS NOTICED THAT AKIRA'S STRENGTH HAS REACHED ITS LIMIT HIS BODY CAN ALLOW NO MORE

AN OATH THAT YOU MADE OUT OF TRUST FOR MY STRENGTH.
AS THE SHISEITEN, ALL OF US MADE A BLOOD PLEDGE WITH YOU, REMEMBER?!
BUT NOW YOU DON'T THINK I CAN HANDLE THIS?!
ANSWER ME, KYO!
ARE YOU GOING TO SPEAK OF MY "LIMITS" TOO?!
THE SHISEITEN ARE MY SERVANTS AND I WON'T REPEAT MYSELF
I SAID NO, AND THAT'S THAT. STEP ASIDE
...THEN I QUIT THE SHISEITEN, KYO.

..AKIRA?!
A...
HE LEFT EVERYTHING TO US, NOT AS ONE OF THE SHISEITEN, BUT AS A MAN
"YOU GUYS HANDLE THE REST"
"ALL RIGHT"
BONTENMARU PUT HIS LIFE ON THE SHOULDERS OF BENITORA AND ME
BON
IF BEING ONE OF THE SHISEITEN MEANS I CANNOT FULFILL THE PROMISE I MADE TO ANOTHER MAN THEN I QUIT HERE AND NOW!
I SWORE TO RESCUE HIM! AND LIMITS BE DAMNED, I WILL SUCCEED!
NOW IT'S ON MY SHOULDERS!!

IF HE SAYS HE'LL GIVE THAT UP, GIVE UP CHASING KYO..

AKRIA WAS MORE PROUD OF BEING APART OF THE SHISEITEN THAN ANYONE ELSE

AKIRA

"THE BACK OF THE MAN I SEEK TO PASS IS STILL FAR AHEAD.."

"LEAVE IT TO ME. KYO I WON'T BETRAY YOUR TRUST."

"WHY WOULD YOU ABANDON US?!"

"I M ONE OF THE SHISEITEN, THE SAMURAI BAND THAT SERVES KYO!"

"SO LONG AS I STILL LIVE, I WILL CONTINUE TO WATCH YOUR BACK, KYO..."

"I AM AKIRA OF THE SHISEITEN... IF KYO GIVES ME HIS TRUST, I WILL GIVE HIM MINE."

SORRY, KYO...
I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T WATCH YOUR BACK ANYMORE
AKIRA!!
AKIRA! SERIOUSLY?!
OKAY, THEN.. YOU SHALL BE STRIPPED OF YOUR TITLE. NO LONGER WILL YOU BE "AKIRA OF THE SHISEITEN". FROM NOW ON, YOU ARE MERELY "AKIRA."
SO NOW...
KYO?!

SO GO OUT THERE, AND COME BACK TO ME ALIVE... GOT THAT?

. THIS IS NO LONGER A PROMISE BETWEEN THE SHISEITEN AND ME. IT'S AN OATH OF THE **SOUL** BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ANOTHER, PLAIN AND SIMPLE.

NOW GO SHOW TOKITO WHAT YOU'VE GOT AND GET THIS DAMN THING OVER WITH!!

BETWEEN ONE MAN

AND ANOTHER

"IT'S IN YOUR HANDS."

KYO...

YES... I SWEAR IT...
THROB
TOKITOH
I'M AFRAID I WON'T LET YOU INDULGE IN THAT
YOU'LL FIGHT ME ALL AT ONCE SO I CAN GET RID OF YOU ALL AT ONCE
WHAT A JOKE.
YOU? FIGHT ME? ALONE? Hee hee!
AND AS YOU WILL SOON SEE...
WHAT STANDS HERE IS NOT AN SHISEITEN. IT IS JUST A MAN WITHOUT EVEN A DROP OF SAMURAI BLOOD.
ONE SWORD A TATTERED BODY AT THE LIMIT OF IT'S STRENGTH.
JUST ME, ONE AKIRA.
...NONE OF THAT WILL STOP ME FROM DEFEATING YOU ON MY OWN.

I CHOSE THIS PATH FOR MYSELF
AM I LONELY? A LITTLE BIT. BUT I HAVE NO REGRETS
WHAT?
I HAVE OATHS TO TWO MEN TO CARRY UPON THESE SHOULDERS
!!
...AND I MEAN TO FULFILL THEM!!
HERE COMES AKIRA!
PREPARE TO FIGHT!

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Woohoo! My first clean and typesetting! It's my pleasure to help bring one of my favorite mangas to everyone and give back to the scanlation community. Thanks to ZEKE for the scan and XXAwesomeLucyXX for the translation!

--irulankahl

I SAID LET ME GO!!
I'M GOING BACK TO HELP AKIRA!!
YOU CAN'T
NOW NOW, AKARI-CHAN
SAMURAI DEEPER KYO

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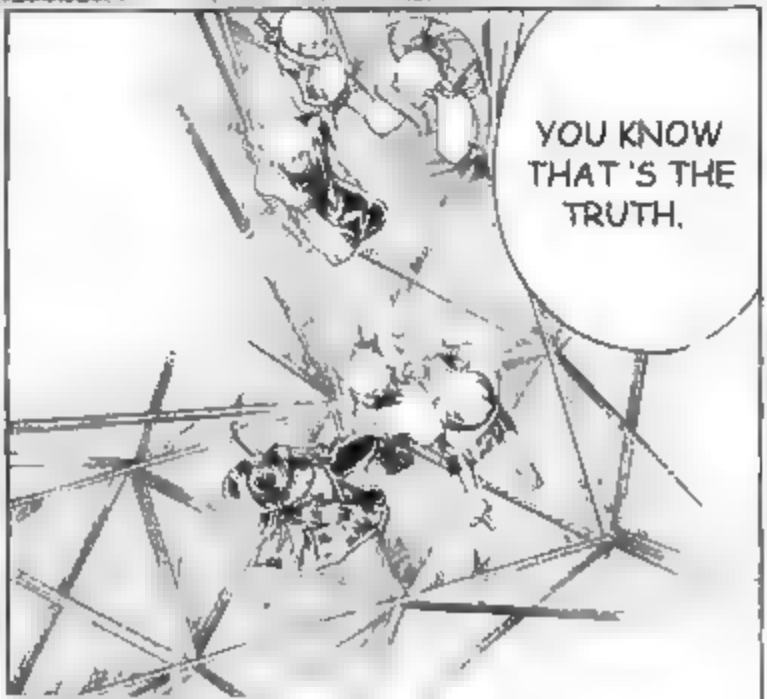
SNIFF
SNIFF


YOU KNOW THAT'S THE TRUTH.

IT WAS AKIRA'S WISH TO STAY BEHIND PLAIN AND SIMPLE. IF HE CAN'T OVERSOME THIS CHALLENGE, THERE IS NO FUTURE FOR HIM
NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT IT MIGHT BE TO SUCCEED

WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?
UH THAT'S NOT A CHICK
WOW THAT CHICK IS TOUGH
S-STOP FIGHTING! IT'S TOO CRAMPED!
AH. RRGH.
SHUT UP, JULIAN! I DON'T NEED A CLOWN LIKE YOU TO SPELL IT OUT FOR ME!
WHY DOES AKIRA HAVE TO GO THROUGH ALL THIS? WHY IS THERE A LIMIT TO HIS STRENGTH?
HE WORKED AND WORKED AND WORKED HARDER THAN ANYONE ELSE IN THE WORLD..
SO WHY SHOULD HE LOSE HIS SPOT ON THE SHISEITEN, WHEN IT MEANT MORE THAN ANYTHING TO HIM?
CAN'T HE?! I KNOW HE CAN!
AKIRA **CAN** STILL GET STRONGER!
THAT'S WHAT I BELIEVE
AKIRA'S GONNA WIN AND COME AFTER US.
I BELIEVE IT.

HE WAS ALWAYS SNEAKING AROUND, SCAMPERING AFTER ME LIKE A LITTLE RAT..
HOTARU..
AKARI, BACK THERE WAS THE FIRST TIME I'D GOTTEN TO SEE AKIRA SHOW SOME SPINE
AND NOW HE'S GOT A GREAT STRONG SPINE, FULL OF RESOLVE ONE WORTH TESTING, DON'T YOU THINK?
KYO?
HE'D NEVER SHOWED IT BEFORE
NEED A WIPE?
K-KYO...

SAMURAI DEEPER KYO

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CHAPTER 253: YOUR BACK

AKIRA, YOU WIN THAT FIGHT AND COME BACK TO US SOON...!

SO IF ANYONE'S GOING TO BE WORRIED SICK ABOUT, HAPPY FOR, AND STILL TRUST IN AKIRA, IT'D BE KYO.

AAAAHHH! KYOOO!!

I'M SO SORRY, KYO!

NOT A CHICK

YEAH. THAT CHICK IS TOUGH.

HOTARU?

MUHP

AND AKIRA WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT BEST OF ANYONE, TOO I SHOULD STOP WORRYING. HE'LL FIND HIS WAY BACK TO US.. AND WE'LL BE WAITING.

HE'S RIGHT KYO'S THE ONE WHO FOUND AKIRA AND HE'S THE ONE WHO'D KNOWN HIM THE LONGEST OUT OF ALL OF US.

LET'S GO

SURE ♡

I'M SO SORRY FOR GETTING ALL BENT OUT OF SHAPE! I AM! ♡♡

I'm not fit to be your wife!

Tee hee

YOU'RE NOT FIT TO BE CALLED SANE, EITHER!

Tee hee my ass.

WIPE WIPE

I THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE WORTH SOME FUN BUT I'VE SEEN ENOUGH NOW
I NEED TO BE LEAVING TO TAKE CARE OF DEMON EYES KYO AND HIS FRIENDS I THINK IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO DIE
I SUPPOSE YOU'RE A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE LIMITED POWERS OF ONE WITHOUT ACTUAL SAMURAI BLOOD
NONE OF THIS WILL AFFECT ME IN THE LEAST
OH DEAR.. DID YOU THINK YOU COULD FREEZE ME?
YOUR BLOOD WILL BE LIKE DEW..
DROPLETS OF IT COLLECTING ON THE BLADE OF MY HOKUTO SHICHISEI— MURAMASA'S CURSED SWORD!
HE CRUSHED MY ICE TO BITS AND MOVED SO FAST, I COULD BARELY FOLLOW
AND THAT GREAT UNEARTHLY FLAME
HE'S STRONG! FAR BEYOND WHAT I HAD IMAGINED
ARGH!!

HMPH THE FUN IS ONLY GETTING STARTED TOKITO! NOW, WHERE HAVE YOU PUT BONTENMARU?
WHAT SHOULD I DO
!?
AKIRA, CAN YOU TELL ME WHY I ALLOWED DEMON EYES KYO AND HIS CREW TO GO ON AHEAD?
GAME ?
IT'S NOT MY JOB TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS YOU'RE PLAYING MY GAME HERE
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I'D TELL YOU?
BECAUSE THERE IS NOTHING I ENJOY MORE THAN HUNTING DOWN RATS
AND ONCE I'M DONE HERE, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M GOING TO DO.
THE CHASE WILL PROVE TO BE FUN, I'M SURE.
WHA ?
BUT HAVE NO FEAR. YOU WON'T BE DYING HERE ALONE.

BENITORA?!
AKIRA..?!
A..
H-HOW DID YOU GET HERE..?

HOW DO YOU THINK HE'LL REACT?
SO I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE TO PRESENT THE SET OF YOU TO HIM AS CORPSES.
PLUS, HE'S ONE OF THE TWO MEN THAT BONTENMARU SACRIFICED HIMSELF TO SET FREE
(WHY) YOU
YAAAH!
Look out!
I FOUND THE LITTLE FOOL SNEAKING AROUND SO I WAS GOING TO USE HIM AS BAIT TO REEL YOU PEOPLE IN.
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS TOKITO?!
...FILTHY SCUM!

NO BUT YOU WERE STUPID ENOUGH TO THINK I ACTUALLY DID!

HA HA HA I DIDN'T THINK HE BE STUPID ENOUGH TO FALL FOR THAT MOVE

HE JUST CUT DOWN AKIRA IN A SINGLE BLOW!
AKIRA!

I HAVE YOU NOW!

CRIKK

MUHYO GETTEN!
YOU'RE TOTALLY CARELESS TO FALL FOR SUCH A SIMPLE DECOY!

RRGH
!?
I THINK THE ENCASED-IN-ICE LOOK SUITS **YOU** BETTER
GAAAH!!

HUH?!
D-DON'T WORRY BENI TORA
I CAN HANDLE HIM
DAMN! THE MORE I KNOCK THESE GUYS DOWN, THE MORE THEY COME BACK. WHAT'S GOING ON?!
A-AKIRA!!
I-I'M COMIN'! HANG ON PAL!!
TOKITO WILL FALL...
...BY MY HAND, AND NONE OTHER...
TELL ME, AKIRA-KUN... DO YOU KNOW WHY I CHOOSE TO FIGHT YOU AND NOT BENITORA INSTEAD?
A-AKIRA

IT MAKES ME WANT TO CRUSH THEIR WILL AND BODIES SO THAT THEY CAN NEVER STAND AGAIN!
IT'S BECAUSE I CAN'T STAND THE SIGHT OF TALENTLESS HACKS CONVINCING THEMSELVES THEY CAN "TRY THEIR HARDEST" AND SUCCEED IN SOMETHING.
AGH!
HACKS LIKE **YOU**.
TALENT! BLOOD! THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT HE WILL ALWAYS LACK!
BUT IN THE END HE'LL ALWAYS REACH HIS **LIMIT!**
IF HE PUTS HIS MIND TO IT AN ORDINARY MAN CAN OVERCOME SOME OF THE DISTANCE BETWEEN HIM AND A GENIUS
IT'S ALL JUST A PITIFUL WASTE OF TIME
YOU DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH, SO JUST WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO ACCOMP-LISH?
THAT'S THE SIMPLE **REALITY** FOR YOU!!!
AKIRA!!

HE'S STILL STANDING!
AKIRA!
TO AGGRAVATE ME!
YOU CONTINUE
WHY DON'T YOU JUST

GO DOWN, ALREADY?!
WHY..?
HOW DOES HE STAND AFTER ALL THE WOUNDS I'VE GIVEN HIM?!
WHY WON'T HE FALL?
MANY TIMES I'VE THOUGHT THE SAME THINGS.
YOU MIGHT BE CORRECT, TOKITO.

DESPITE SCALING MANY WALLS AND MAKING MANY EFFORTS, I OFTEN DOUBTED MYSELF..
WHY WOULD I QUIT THE SHISEITEN?
AKIRA, YOU'VE REACHED YOUR PEAK.
EACH TIME I WORKED HARD TO ERASE THOSE DOUBTS
BUT NOW I AM FACED WITH THE LIMITS OF MY ABILITIES—THE GREATEST WALL OF ALL.
FUNNY, ISN'T IT?
REALLY, I SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO OVERSOME THIS.
DRIP
THE REALITY OF IT IS HARSH I FEEL SO PATHETIC
AND YET
EVEN NOW..
EVEN NOW ..
...I STILL DESIRE TO BE STRONGER!!
FOR THE SAKE OF THE MEN WHO SWORE AN OATH WITH ME—THE MEN WHO PUT THEIR TRUST IN ME..
WHAT?

BUT AFTER A TIME I REALIZED WHAT YOU SAID WAS TRUE..

I SAW FOR MYSELF

SURE, I WAS STEAMED WHEN YOU SAID THAT I THOUGHT YOU WERE A COCKY IGNORANT BOY

THE FIRST WAS EXPERIENCE, THE SECOND WAS THE SKILL THAT COMES FROM EXPERIENCE AND THE THIRD WAS BELIEF

SAY AKIRA REMEMBER WHEN YOU SAID THERE WERE THREE BIG DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO OF US?

AKIRA

FOR THEM I MUST FIND A WAY TO RISE ABOVE IT ALL!

SO YOU STILL HAVEN'T LEARNED YOUR LESSON!

YOUR POWERFUL MUSCLES, YOUR KNOTTED HANDS... YOUR BACK DISCOLORED WITH COUNTLESS SCARS...

THE REAL YOU... THE ONE HIDDEN UNDER YOUR HAUGHTY EXTERIOR...

"I STILL WANT TO BE STRONGER! STRONGER!!"

THAT BACK SPOKE WORDS, WITHOUT MAKIN' A SOUND. EACH SINGLE SCRATCH AND LINE SCREAMED OUT...

AKIRA
YES. I DO HATE YOU NOW
YOU CAN'T HOPE TO MATCH ME WITH THESE SUPERFICIAL TRICKS. GET OUT OF MY SIGHT—THIS FACE IS OVER. DIE!!
HE'S GONNA KEEP FIGHTIN' AND TRYIN' TO GET STRONGER!!
...HE JUST WON'T GO DOWN.
NO MATTER HOW PAINFUL IT GETS...
NO MATTER THE AMOUNT OF SUFFERIN'

SO IN THIS CASE..
CLEVER TRICKS WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON YOU.
WHAT A COINCIDENCE. I WAS JUST THINKING THE SAME THING
...I WILL USE ALL MY POWER TO KILL YOU IN THIS NEXT STRIKE!!

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Here's a message from Lucy:

What's up, guys?

Sorry for such a long time between updates. I take the responsibility, so don't get angry at the other two people in Zeke Scanlations. I swear, every excuse a translator could have popped up. The internet went down. The computer crashed. I got the flu (because of the blasted shot, no doubt). And homework, of course. So much for my trying to get every chapter done before summer break was over. I'm ashamed, and I hope you guys will forgive me. I'll try to get the next chapter out in a smaller gap than this one.

A-AKIRA?
AKIRA IS USING HIS ULTIMATE POWER CHANNELING HIS ENERGY TO PRODUCE A FREEZE THAT GOES BELOW ABSOLUTE ZERO
IT CAN BRING INSTANT DEATH TO ALL LIVING BEINGS NEARBY!
TOKITO.. THIS WILL BE THE DEATH OF YOU!
"HELL GHOST"!

SAMURAI DEEPER KYO

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Chapter 254: The Left Blade

WHAT THE
"GRAND CROSS!"
THOSE "KYOKEN SEISO" ICE MIRRORS MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL WHICH IS THE REAL AKIRA AND WHICH WAY THE "GRAND CROSS" ATTACK IS COMING FROM!
A GRAND CROSS FROM ALL SIDES WHEN HE'S ALREADY SURROUNDED BY THOSE ICE BARRIERS

DIDN'T I TELL YOU IT WAS A WASTE OF TIME?!
IS THAT SO?
I'M DISAPPOINTED IF THIS IS YOU TRYING YOUR HARDEST, AKIRA!
HE TORE THEM DOWN IN ONE BLOW!
HUH?!
WHA ?
YOU SEEM TO HAVE A NASTY HABIT OF LEAVING YOUR LEFT SIDE UNGUARDED AFTER AN ATTACK, TOKITO...

AKIRA!!
EVEN WHILE TAKING A BETING HE WAS PAYING ATTENTION TO TOKITO'S WEAKNESSES!
I'VE GOT YOU **THIS** TIME! GRAND CROSS!!
I NEVER EXPLAINED WHY THIS BALDE IS CALLED "HOKUTO SHICHISEI"
HOKUTO SHICHISEI. THE SEVEN STARS OF THE BIG DIPPER..
ON THE MAINLAND OF CHINA THEY SPLIT IT INTO TWO GROUPS FOUR STARS ARE CALLED "TOKAI" THE OTHER THREE, "TOHYO"
AND SO, YOU SEE.

HOKUTO SHICHISEI IS SPLIT INTO TWO BLADES NAMED TOKAI AND TOHYO.
NO! A-AKIRA!!
AAAAGH!!

I COULD HAVE WON WITHOUT GOING THROUGH ALL THIS BUT I WANTED TO GIVE YOU A SURPRISE! SO I PRETENDED TO HAVE A WEAKNESS SO YOU WOULD COME AFTER IT!
HOW DID I DO? DID YOU LIKE MY "OH NO" FACE?
SO, HAS IT SUNK IN YET?
HA HA HA! HOW'S THAT? SURPRISED?
RRGH ..
ALL YOUR HARD WORK AMOUNTS TO NOTHING AGAINST MY TALENT.
WELL... I THINK PLAYTIME IS OVER.
URGH!
GGH !
AAGH..

I'M AFRAID YOU WON'T REACH HIM IN TIME.
AKIRAAAA!
GRRR!
MOVE IT!
HANG IN THERE, AKIRA! I'M COMIN' FOR YA!
SPADE?
TOKITO-SAMA HAS LEFT YOUR DISPOSAL UP TO ME.
IF YOU TRULY INSIST ON HELPING AKIRA

...THROUGH THE CRIMSON KING'S FORBIDDEN ARMY!

FIRST YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE YOUR WAY...

OKAY, YOU CAN GO DOWN NOW!
I'M AFRAID
YOU'VE JUST
YOU JUST CAN'T ESCAPE FROM MY TOKAI AND TOHYO, THAT'S ALL! NOBODY CAN!
YOU FOUGHT HARD! THAT'S A COMPLI-MENT, SEE?
...REACH YOUR LIMIT!!

Heh
HA HA HA! DO YOU FINALLY GET IT? THE RULES OF THE WORLD WILL NOT CHANGE, AS MUCH AS YOU WANT THEM TO
THE STRONG WILL WIN, AND THE WEAK WILL FALL! SO STAY DOWN AND DON'T GET UP AGAIN. HA HA HA!

I CAN'T...STAND...
I DON'T EVEN HAVE THE STRENGTH TO GET BACK ON MY FEET
TO THINK I'D BE FELLED SO EASILY.
IS IT TRUE THEN? CAN EFFORT NEVER OVERCOME TALENT?
AND I NEVER REALIZED UNTIL I WAS ALL ALONE
NO...MAYBE I DID... AND I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO ADMIT IT TO MYSELF
YES I WAS AFRAID
...MY EXISTENCE WOULD HAVE MEANT NOTHING AND BEEN NOTHING TO ANYONE
I WAS AFRAID THAT AFTER ALL THE WORK I HAD DONE, WITHOUT MY TITLE AS A MEMBER OF THE SHISEITEN...

I SUPPOSE EVEN WITH ALL MY STRENGTH...

I AM ENTIRELY HELPLESS WITHOUT THE OTHER THREE AT MY SIDE.

I'M SUCH A...
WEAK AND WORTHLESS MAN...

IT AIN'T OVER YET, BUDDY.

B-BENITORA
H-HOW DID YOU GET HERE?!
WHAT YOU THOUGHT ALL THOSE GUYS WERE GONNA STOP ME?
Y-YOU COULDN'T JUST WIPE OUT THAT HUGE ARMY BY YOURSELF
AKIRA
B-BESIDES! YOU DIDN'T NEED TO—
HUH.?
I AIN'T NEVER TOLD JA THIS BEFORE, BUT I'VE ALWAYS BEEN INSPIRED BY YER BACK.
THAT SCARRED BACK OF YOURS, THAT'S WHAT COURAGE IS ALL ABOUT
SO, YA SEE
YA JUST DON'T LOOK THE SAME WITHOUT TWO SWORDS IN YER HANDS, AKIRA!

YOU'RE GONNA BE STRON-GER...
YOU JUST GOTTA BELIEVE IN YOURSELF
I CAN TELL THESE THINGS.
YOUR LEFT BLADE IS RIGHT HERE.
AND YOU'VE GOT THE BLADE OF FRIENDSHIP, TOO! IT'S GOT MY HEART, SOUL AND LIFE IN IT!
SHOW TOKITO THE REAL YOU THE ICY AKIRA WHO WIELDS TWO BLADES LIKE FLOWING WATER!!
BENITORA

TORA
HOW PATHETIC! HOW CAN YOU FAIL TO TAKE CARE OF ONE MEASLY LITTLE RODENT.
. SPADE?
FORGIVE ME, TOKITO-SAMA I WILL SUFFER ANY PUNISHMENT YOU SHOULD CONFER, LATER.
BUT LET US NOW FINISH **BOTH** OF THEM.
FINE I WAS BORED OF AKIRA ANYWAY
THANK YOU!!
YOU'VE REALLY DONE IT NOW BENITORA-SAN. I HAD NOT CONSIDERED THAT YOU MIGHT BE **THIS** POWERFUL
AFTER ALL

I DID NOT THINK IT POSSIBLE FOR **ANYONE** TO CLEAR AN ENTIRE TROOP OF THE FORBIDDEN ARMY
HOWEVER
FOR YOU SEE
YOUR STORY ENDS HERE
..THE CRIMSON KING'S FORBIDDEN ARMY IS IMMORTAL AND UNDEAD IT WILL NOT STOP UNTIL ITS TARGET HAS PERISHED.
YOU CAN'T DO IT ALONE..
WELL, I GUESS I'M IN FOR THE LONG HAUL, THEN.
DAMN.. THEY JUST DON'T KNOW WHEN TA QUIT.

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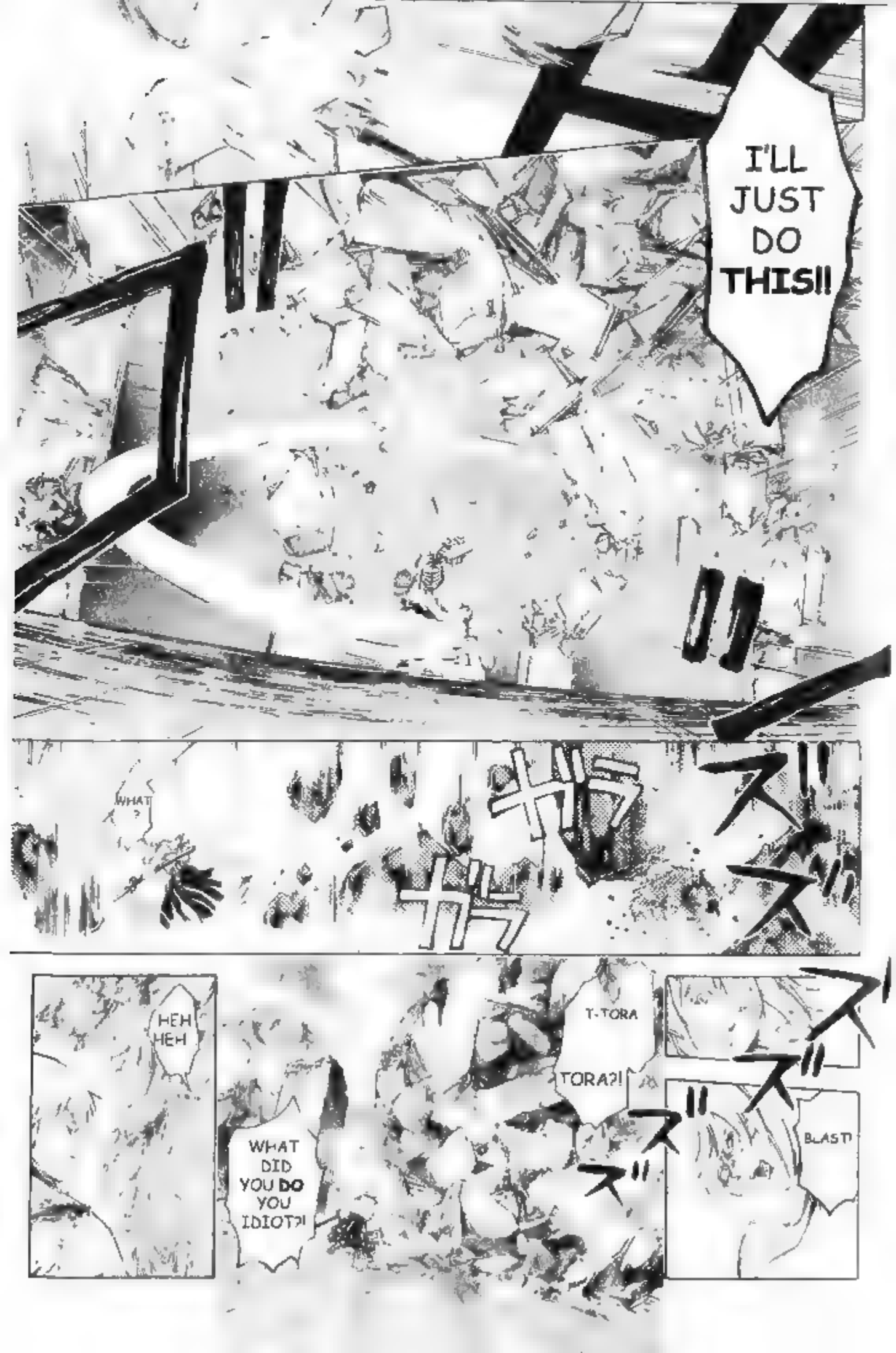
AKIRA?
A-ARE YOU CRASY OR JUST STUPID? YOU AN'T STOP ALL THOSE MEN BY YOURSELF BENITORA! BESIDES
AIN'T YA GONNA BEAT TOKITO? I'M LETTIN' YA HAVE THE GLORY!
JUST LEAVE THE WEAKLINGS TO ME AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT NOTHIN' ELSE! WE GOTTA WRAP THIS UP AND SAVE BON-HAN REMEMBER?
AH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY IT! YOU'RE WORRIED THEY WON'T LETCHA FIGHT TOKITO IN PEACE, RIGHT?
WELL. NO WORRIES.


I'LL JUST DO THIS!!
WHAT?
HEH HEH
WHAT DID YOU DO YOU IDIOT?!
T-TORA
TORA?!
BLAST!

LISTEN, AKIRA..
I'M GLAD I METCHA, PAL.
TORA
BESIDES, WE GOTTA SAVE BON-HAN
HA! YOU THINK THE GREAT BENITORA'S GONNA GO DOWN THAT EASY?!
Y-YOU'RE GOING TO GET YOURSELF KILLED TORA
NOW NO ONE CAN INTERRUPT YOUR FIGHT SEE?
LEAVE THESE PANSIES TO ME!
WE'VE BEEN THROUGH A WHOLE LOT, I KNOW..
?
BUT YOU'RE STILL THE BEST BUD A GUY COULD HAVE! SO LET TOKITO HAVE IT! NOW, EXCUSE ME, I HAVE WORK TO DO!

YAAAAAA!
T—
TORAAAAAAA!!!

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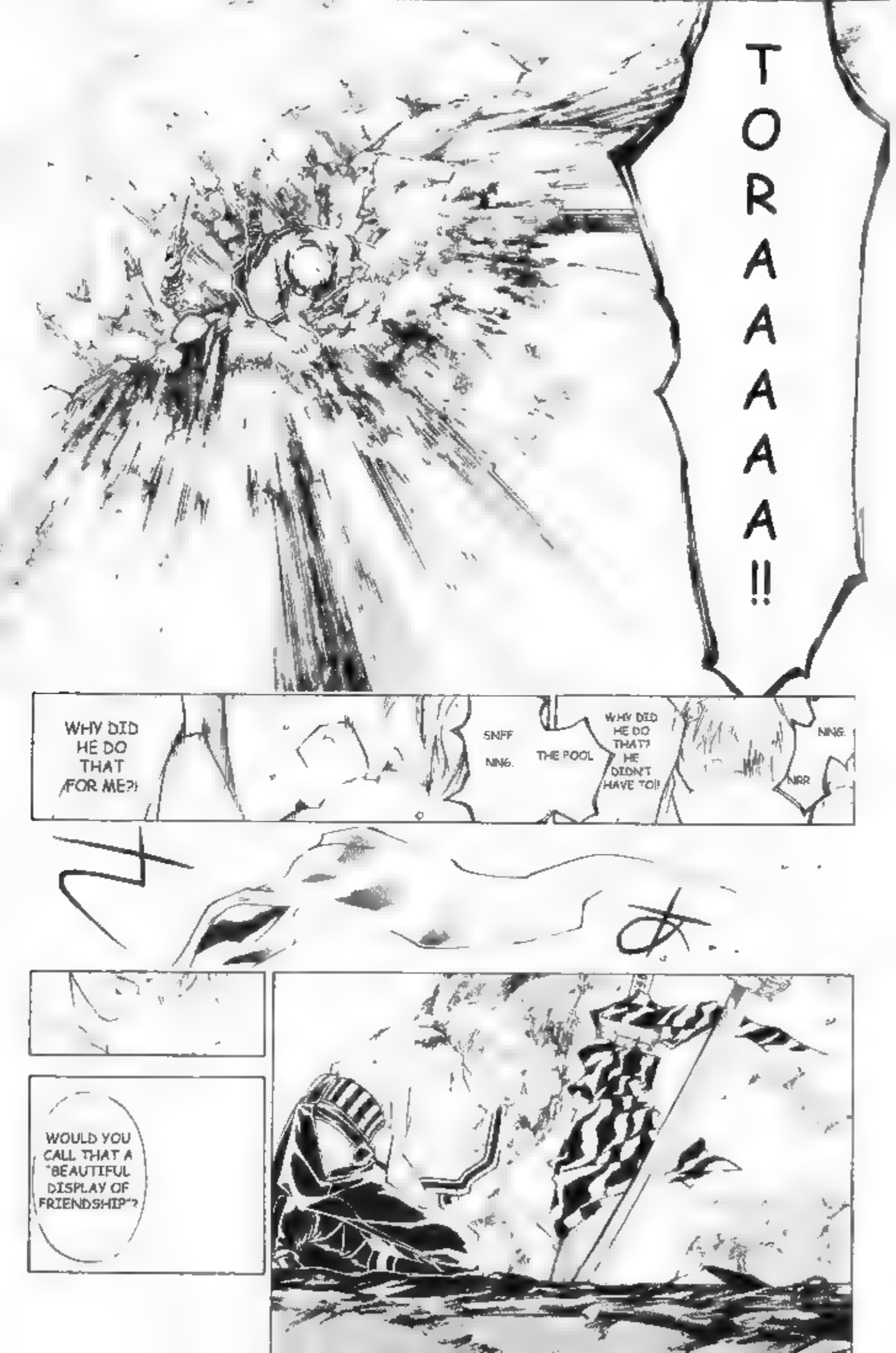
Please consider this a late Chrismahanakwanz kah present! We at Zeke Scanlations hope you all had a great holiday and we wish you a happy New Year!

SHHH DON'T SAY THAT TOO LOUD YOU KNOW TOKITO-SAMA! HE'S PROBABLY SPYING ON US SOMEHOW
YEAH, WE'LL BE PUT TO DEATH OR SOMETHING
WE GET SUMMONED INSIDE THE CRIMSON TOWER ALL OF A SUDDEN ONLY TO STAND WATCH?
THIS IS SO BORING..
YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN TOKITO-SAMA WILL SNAP
WE'D BETTER DO OUR JOBS HERE
YEOW! BEATING UP YOUR OWN RIGHT HAND MAN?!
TOKITO-SAMA IN A RAGE BEAT THE DAYLIGHTS OUT OF SPADE?
DID YOU KNOW THAT WHEN CLUB, DIAMOND AND HEART GOT ROUGHED UP BY YUAN'S PERSONAL GUARD
I WONDER WHY TOKITO-SAMA WOULD LEAVE A HALF-DEAD SLUG LIKE THIS STILL ALIVE..?
SAMURAI DEEPER K Y O

CLINK
IT SURE SUCKS TO BE GUARDING A DEAD BODY
HM?
WHAT?
THOUGHT I HEARD A NOISE JUST NOW
YEAH RIGHT! THE GUY'S TOAST!
IS HE STILL ALIVE?
I GUESS HE'S HANGING ON. HIS BODY TEMP IS LOW AND HIS BREATHING IS SLOW ON THE BRINK OF DEATH I'D SAY
he'll probably kick it soon
YEAH, BUT WHAT IF HE WAS LIKE, HIBERNATING OR SOMETHING?
LIKE MAYBE HE JUST SHUT HIMSELF DOWN SO HE COULD RECOVER SOMEHOW
YOU KNOW OUT OF PURE INSTINCT OR SOMETHING!
MAYBE WHEN HE WAKES UP HE'LL BE FULL-STRENGTH OR SOMETHING!
HA HA! NO WAY! GIVE ME A BREAK! HE'S JUST A HUMAN, NOT A BEAST! HA HA HA HA!


TORAAAAA!!
WHY DID HE DO THAT FOR ME?!
SNIFF
NNG.
THE POOL
WHY DID HE DO THAT? HE DIDN'T HAVE TO!!
NNG.
NRR
WOULD YOU CALL THAT A "BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY OF FRIENDSHIP"?

THE TRULY POWERFUL HAVE NO USE FOR FRIENDSHIP ...FOR STRENGTH IS EVERYTHING!
TRYING TO JUSTIFY THEIR WEAKNESSES! IF THAT'S NOT THE ULTIMATE FORM OF NARCISSISM, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS!
THE WEAK ALWAYS ACT THAT WAY. THEY SACRIFICE THEMSELVES FOR EACH OTHER...
OR PERHAPS "AN HONORABLE DEATH"? PERSONALLY I'D CALL IT A FARCE.
"I'M GLAD I METCHA PAL."
"WE'VE BEEN THROUGH A WHOLE LOT."
"YOU'RE A STRONG MAN! BELIEVE IN YOURSELF!"
"I AIN'T NEVER TOLDJA THIS BEFORE BUT I'VE ALWAYS BEEN INSPIRED BY YER BACK."
"AND YOU GOT THE BLADE OF FRIENDSHIP TOO WITH MY HEART SOUL AND LIFE IN IT!"

"...SO LET TOKITO HAVE IT!!"
"...YOU'RE STILL THE BEST BUD- A GUY COULD HAVE..."
SAMURAI DEEPER
KYO
255: ULTRA FREEZING POINT

I'M GONNA KILL YOU RIGHT NOW, SO I NEVER HAVE TO SEE IT AGAIN!
YOUR FACE MAKES ME SICK... I DON'T WANT TO LOOK AT IT ANYMORE
WHAT IS ONE SWORD TURNING INTO TWO GOING TO ACCOMPLISH FOR YOU?
HAVEN'T YOU LEARNED YET THAT YOUR MOVES DON'T WORK ON ME?
. YOU WILL LEARN THE TERROR OF HOKUTO SHICHISEI!!
AND SO

FIRST STAR.
TONRO!
ドゴォ
AAH
NNG
GAH.
AFTER ALL, THE HOKUTO CONSTELLATION IS MADE OF SEVEN STARS!
NOT DONE YET!

HOKUTO'S SEVENS STARS!!

SECOND STAR KOMON!

THIRD STAR, ROKUSON!

FOURTH STAR, MONGOKU!

FIFTH STAR, RENCHO!

SIXTH STAR, MUGOKU!

SEVENTH STAR, HAGUN!

YOU'VE BEEN SO MUCH TROUBLE THAT I WANT TO SEE YOU DIE SLOWLY IN AGONY!
HA HA HA! I WENT EASY ON YOU SO YOU'D STILL BE ALIVE
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YOU'D GIVE IN IF YOU WERE SMART
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..WHY DO YOU GO TO SUCH LENGTHS?
TELL ME

WHA ?
HE PERFORMED "HELL GHOST" ON HIMSELF?!
IS HE TRYING TO COMMIT SUICIDE!
AGH
RRGH
AAH
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"ULTRA-FREEZING POINT?"
THAT'S RIGHT WITH YOUR ICE POWERS, PUSHIN' PAST THAT POINT IS ABOUT THE ONLY WAY I'D GO ABOUT GETTING BEYOND YOUR NATURAL LIMITS.
C-CAN I REALLY DO THAT? ANTHONY TOLD ME ACUPUNCTURE WOULD BE USELESS.
WELL, HE **WOULD** SAY THAT SEE, I TAUGHT ANTHONY NOT TO HIT ANY SPOTS THAT WOULD **HARM THE BODY**.
HARM?!
THE BODY HAS 250,000 COLD POINTS. THEY SENSE AND RESPOND TO COLD.
WHEN THE BODY GETS THE MESSAGE THAT IT'S COLD, IT WILL PRODUCE WARMTH TO FIGHT THAT IT REVITALIZES ITSELF AND PRODUCES ENERGY
AN ULTRA-FREEZING POINT WILL RAISE THE SENSITIVITY OF THOSE COLD POINTS BY DOZENS EVEN HUNDREDS, OF TIMES.
WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN IF I ACTIVATE THAT POINT WITH A NEEDLE, AND THEN YOU TRY A "HELL GHOST" ON YOURSELF?
MY BODY WOULD PRODUCE INCREDIBLE ENERGY
YES. BUT NOT **ONLY** THAT
YOUR ENTIRE BODY WILL BE SUPER-ENERGIZED AND YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SURPASS THE NORMAL LIMITS OF THE HUMAN BODY
Y-YOU MEAN..
..I **CAN** PUSH PAST MY LIMITS?!

IT'S POSSIBLE YES BUT EVEN AS YOUR ARE WRACKED BY POTENTIALLY LETHAL PAIN. THE POSSIBILITY OF THE ULTRA-FREEZING POINT SUCCESSFULLY SUPER-ENERGIZING YOUR BODY IS 10% AT BEST
AND EVEN IF IT DOES SUCCEED YOU'LL ONLY HAVE FIVE MINUTES OR SO TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT IF THAT
BUT THAT'S NOT ALL. BECAUSE OF THE TERRIBLE TOLL ON YOUR BODY, YOU MIGHT BE LEFT UNABLE TO FIGHT EVER AGAIN, POSSIBLY EVEN UNABLE TO STAND ON TWO LEGS. ARE YOUR SILL SURE YOU'D WANT TO DO THIS?
YES.
IT IF MAKES ME STRONGER, THEN I'LL DO ANYTHING!
GAAAAAAAH!
CRACK
CRICK
AAAH.
CRIK

KYO ABANDONED HIS SHISEITEN.
DID I LOSE CONTROL OVER THE PAIN AND DIE?
WHERE AM I.?
AND WITHOUT MY TITLE AS A MEMBER OF THE SHISEITEN, I AM NOTHING BUT A MORTAL MAN WITH NO SAMURAI BLOOD.
I WANT TO GO BACK TO THE TIME WHEN I WAS WITH KYO AND THE OTHERS
I STRIVE TO BE AT KYO'S SIDE. IF I CANNOT DO THAT, THERE IS NOTHING IN THIS WORLD WORTH SEEING.
I HAVE GIVEN UP MY EYES TO BE STRONG.
MY OLD SELF
YOU MUST BE.

YES. I SUPPOSE.
THAT SOUNDS. EMBARR-ASSING.
BUT WHAT YOU CAN'T TELL IS THAT THIS BLADE IS FILLED WITH THE LIFE OF MY GREATEST FRIEND.
FRIENDSHIP AND EMOTION ARE WORTH NOTHING TO A TRUE WARRIOR.
THIS IS MY BLADE OF FRIENDSHIP.
I WAS AFRAID OF LOSING MY IDENTITY IF I COULDN'T WORK FOR KYO. AFRAID OF FACING MY OWN LONELY WORTHLESS SELF
YOU MEAN THIS?
WHY DO YOU HAVE THAT FILTHY RAG ATTACHED TO YOUR KATANA?
IT IS A MOST PRECIOUS BLADE.
MORE PRECIOUS TO ME THAN ANYTHING IN THE WORLD.
YES
THAT'S RIGHT
EMOTION, FRIENDSHIP, AND BELIEF ARE JUST CONCEPTS SPUN FROM THE VERY LIFE WE ALL SHARE THIS MIGHT BE TO TRICKY FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND **YET**.
HUH..?

THIS AKIRA BELIEVES IN THE PROCESS OF PERPETUAL IMPROVEMENT.
NOW IF I LOOK...
THERE IS NOTHING FOR ME TO BE AFRAID OF
I'M DIFFERENT
BUT NOW
I NEVER IMAGINED THERE MIGHT BE A PLACE IN THE WORLD FOR ME APART FROM KYO'S SIDE
I CAN SEE:
BEFORE ME LIES THE PATH...
...TO MY DESTINATION. THE PATH THAT I CHOSE FOR MYSELF.

WELL THAT'S NO FUN. HE WENT OFF AND FROZE HIMSELF LEFT ME OUT OF IT COMPLETELY
OH DEAR. FROZEN SOLID
WHAT'S THAT? I CAN HEAR A PULSE
!?
!?
WHA ?!

ARGH!
WH-WHAT THE ?
THE ENTIRE ROOM FROZE! AND IN JUST AN INSTANT! HOW DID THAT
WH-WHAT THE ?
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
WHAT?!

YOU HAVE A VERY SWEET FACE, TOKITO, WHICH HIDES THE WRETCHED COLDNESS OF YOUR HEART'S.
I CAN SEE IT VERY WELL NOW
IT'S LIKE
WH-WHAT IS THIS FEELING?!
WHA..?
IT'S LIKE HE'S A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON THAN A MOMENT AGO
CRACK
AND BECAUSE OF THAT
THE WAY TO THE STRENGTH THAT LAY FAR BEYOND THE LIMITS OF MY BODY
RISKED HIS LIFE TO SHOW ME THE WAY
TOKITO, A MAN... A MAN WHO CALLED ME HIS FRIEND

EVEN THE EYESIGHT THAT I TOOK FROM MYSELF..
..RETURNS TO GIVE ME STRENGTH AT THIS MOMENT!
MY TWO EYES AND MY "EYE OF THE HEART" WILL AFFORD YOU NO ESCAPE!
PREPARE TO MEET YOUR FATE, TOKITO!

Zeke Scanlations

I don't know how many of you guys actually read this little section, but for once, I've got a decent amount to say. Most of it isn't even complete BS!

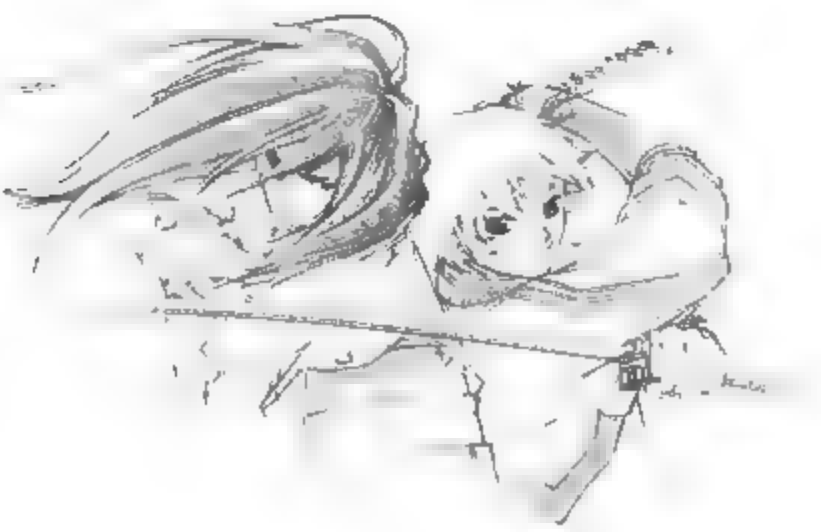
I have been able to take a peek at the I've almost got them thread on MangaFox To a point, I understand the naysayers' frustrations with our lack of progress. I felt it many times with the manga/anime that I look forward to. However, constructive criticism and polite requests are completely different than the comments of trolls! I would really like to thank all of those who have defended my honor and the honor of Zeke Scanlations (Hehe, honor Makes me sound like a princess!) *Stands on a podium* It is you out there who stand up to those meany-faces who say bad things that make Lucy so happy! TT-TT I promised myself I wouldn't cry! *slaps self* No, seriously I'm really grateful to those out there who do put nice things down about us.

Unfortunately, this will be the last chapter that I can do for an indefinite amount of time. Zeke, the true owner of the copies of SDK that I've been using, wants the volumes back. He took the first 30 volumes off with him over the winter holidays (his roommate ended up being an otaku, so he is able to make space for SDK without disturbing said roommate), but I was able to convince him to let me keep the last couple. However, his roommate (BLAST HIM!) wants to read the missing chapters and finish the rest of the series. Like, now. I have no right to keep them.

I just read the thread started by XI_-Minty-_IX and I think that it would be a great idea for him/her to take over IrulanKahl is a very reliable typesetter. After I gave her the translation, the chapter would be on MangaFox within a day Hopefully, she will be willing to help

Zeke Scanlations was probably the most unreliable scanlation group out there, but we tried. I take full responsibility for how long it always took, and I hope that this new group will get the chapters out for you quickly. Good luck! With all the love my crooked little heart can muster,

xxAwesomeLucyxx



IrulanKahl here,
I will be happy to continue
cleaning and typesetting for
anyone who sends me the translation.
I enjoyed working with
xxAwesomeLucyxx
and will miss working with her.

IF YOU GIVE ME A MOMENT, YUYA-SAN, I'LL PREPARE SOME TEA.
GO AHEAD AND TRY THE RICE CAKES I MADE. I HOPE YOU LIKE THEM...
SHE'S SO PRETTY...
S-SURE...
I GUESS I ASSUMED THAT SAKUYA-SAN WOULD BE PRIM AND MATRONLY BEFORE I MET HER.
BUT SHE'S A LOT PRETTIER AND SWEETER THAN I'D THOUGHT
ON THE OTHER HAND...
AH!

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AH!
OH YES! I'M FINE! PLEASE, DON'T WORRY ABOUT
GOSH, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
...SHE SEEMS TO BE MORE CLUMSY THAN I COULD HAVE POSSIBLY IMAGINED!
Heck I wasn't expecting her to be clumsy at all!
O-OF COURSE I AM!
UMM...
I'M FINE, I'M FINE. YOU JUST RELAX HERE.
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE ALRIGHT?!
I don't think there was anything even there to trip over!
Blub
Blup
blorp
WELL AT LEAST SHE COMES OFF AS FRIENDLY
Matronly?
More like...
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THESE RICE CAKES THOUGH.
A hamster!
HERE YOU ARE.

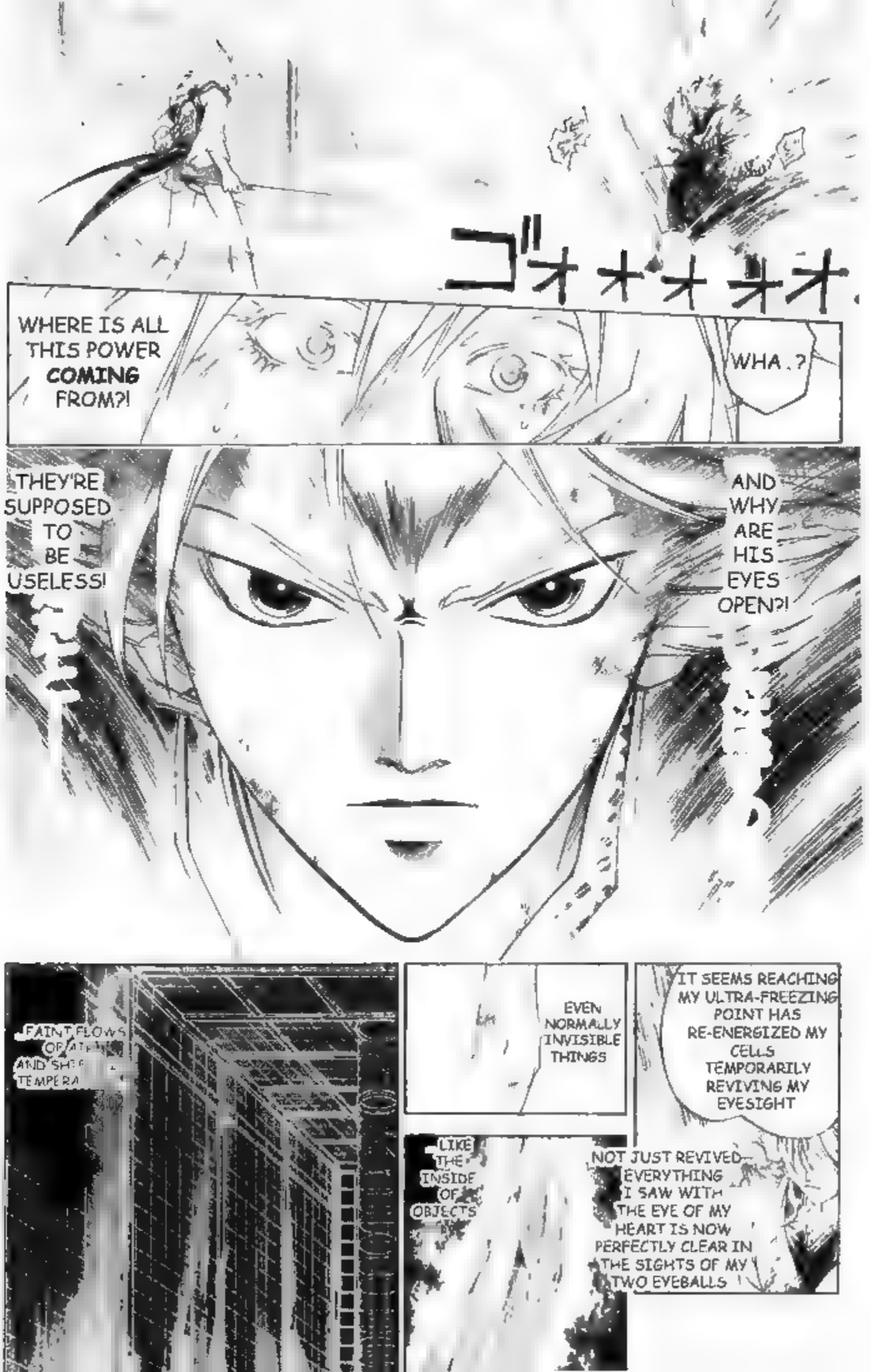
THAT'S A NEW TEA I MADE FOR THE SUMMER. DON'T HOLD BACK-- TRY IT!
IS THIS TEA MADE FROM LAKE MOSS OR SOMETHING?!
The dark green hue looks nice, but come on!
WOW IT'S GOOD!
YOU THINK SO? OH I'M SO GLAD YOU LIKE IT!
I'M AMAZED SAKUYA SAN! IT'S DELICIOUS! BASED ON EVERYTHING ELSE I WASN'T EXPECTING MUCH BUT
ACK!
OH, FINE
DOWN THE HATCH!
UM, I MEAN..
WHO DOES?
OH, I DON'T MIND THEY TELL ME THAT ALL THE TIME
KYO. I MEAN, KYOSHIRO DOES..
HE ALWAYS SAYS, "YOUR TEA IS THE BEST, SAKUYA."
AND KYO ALWAYS MUTTERS, "YOU SHOULD JUST STICK TO PREPARING TEA."
I CAN'T TELL IF THEY'RE COMPLIMENTING OR BELITTLING ME..

AND THEN..
KYOSHIRO TOOK ME AWAY FROM THE TOWER.
KYOSHIRO AND I MET HERE, WITHIN THE MIBU.
SOUNDS LIKE THEM DOESN'T IT? I KNOW YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH THEM.
K-KYOSHIRO AND KYO SAID THAT?
TELL ME SAKUYA-SAN HOW DID THE THREE OF YOU MEET?
KYO.
NO, AS A MATTER OF FACT I BET THEY WERE EACH THE FIRST PERSON THE OTHER HAD EVER CONNECTED WITH, AND ADMITTED WAS STRONGER THAN HIMSELF
I WAS JUST REMEMBERING HOW JEALOUS I WAS OF THOSE GUYS WHEN IT COMES TO LIFELONG FRIENDS, YOU KNOW CERTAIN THINGS WITHOUT SAYING THEM.
HEE HEE HEE
OH, I SEE NOW
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

I THINK IT IS FATE THAT THEY WILL SEEK A RESOLUTION TO THE DUEL THAT BEGAN BETWEEN THEM FOUR YEARS AGO..
YES AND COMPETITIVE AS THEY WERE THEY EACH DESIRED TO FIGHT AND DEFEAT THE OTHER.
THEY EACH ADMITTED THE OTHER WAS STRONGER?
YES I KNEW EVERYTHING INCLUDING YOUR BROTHER NOZUMO'S DEATH . AND KYO AND KYOSHIRO SHARING THE SAME BODY
YOU DON'T KNOW FOR SURE?
AND DOESN'T THAT MEAN THAT YOU ALWAYS KNEW THAT THEY WOULD FIGHT FOUR YEARS AGO, ALONG WITH EVERYTHING ELSE THAT HAPPENED?
BUT CAN'T YOU SEE THE FUTURE?
HUH..?
"IF YOU KNEW THE FUTURE, WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP THEM?"
BUT I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE **REALLY** DYING TO ASK..

WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT IS NOT SEEING OR CHANGING THE FUTURE
TO UNDERSTAND, YOU MUST KNOW THAT THE FUTURE CAN EASILY CHANGE IT'S NOT SET IN STONE
AND WHILE I HAVE THE POWER TO SEE THE FUTURE I DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE IT
IT'S LIVING IN THIS MOMENT AS BEST AS YOU CAN, IN MY OPINION.
BUT REALLY
I NEVER REALIZED WHAT POWERFUL EYES SHE HAS.
S-SAKUYA-SAN
FAITH THAT IS NOT FATE THAT DETERMINES THE FUTURE
I HAVE FAITH.
BUT COURAGE, STEMMING FROM ONE'S BELIEF IN ONESELF, ONE'S FRIENDS, AND ONE'S PATH IN LIFE!

THE BLADE OF FRIENDSHIP ON MY LEFT...
THE BLADE OF EFFORT ON MY RIGHT...
AND A MAN'S VOW ON MY SHOULDERS.
I HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO FEAR.
SAMURAI DEEPER
KYO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WHERE IS ALL THIS POWER COMING FROM?!
WHA..?
THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE USELESS!
AND WHY ARE HIS EYES OPEN?!
FAINT FLOWS OF
AND SHE'S
TEMPERA
EVEN NORMALLY INVISIBLE THINGS
IT SEEMS REACHING MY ULTRA-FREEZING POINT HAS RE-ENERGIZED MY CELLS TEMPORARILY REVIVING MY EYESIGHT
LIKE THE INSIDE OF OBJECTS
NOT JUST REVIVED— EVERYTHING I SAW WITH THE EYE OF MY HEART IS NOW PERFECTLY CLEAR IN THE SIGHTS OF MY TWO EYEBALLS

I CAN SEE THEM ALL!
A PERFECT FIELD OF 360 DEGREE VISION AND SENSATION!
KEEP UP WITH MY SPEED, IF YOU CAN.
HMPH AS YOU WISH.
NOW I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT, SO LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH.
LET'S START WITH LEVEL 7. THE SPEED THAT NOT EVEN BOTENMARU COULD AVOID!

HE READ MY MOVES!
WHAT?!
IMPOSSIBLE! THAT WAS A FLUKE! BUT THE NEXT ONE
NO! NOT AGAIN!

WHA ?
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HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?! HOW CAN I, ONE OF THE FOUR ELDERS
BE TELEGRAPHING MY EVERY MOVE TO A HUMAN LIKE HIM?!
TOKITO, IS THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE SUPPOSED TO BE ANOTHER BIT OF ACTING?

DON'T TOUCH ME!
BETTER BE CAREFUL MAKING A FACE LIKE THAT. IF YOU HOLD THAT EXPRESSION TOO LONG, YOUR FACE MIGHT FREEZE THAT WAY
HOKUTO SEVEN STARS!
GRRR

I'LL GIVE YOU SUCH A BEATING THAT NOT EVEN THE DUST FROM YOUR BONES WILL BE LEFT!
THIS TIME
H-H-HE WITHSTOOD MY ATTACK?!
NO
HEH. IF THAT'S THE BEST YOU CAN DO THEN I DON'T EVEN SEE THE POINT IN DODGING ANYMORE

I WON'T LEAVE YOU STANDING...
NOT THIS TIME!!

HMPH
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME. I TOLD YOU YOUR ICE, CANNOT FREEZE ME.
HOLY MOTHER'S REFLECTION ON ICE!!

WHAT YOU ARE FEELING WOULD BE "HEAVEN'S GHOST". A CHILL THAT FAR SURPASSES "HELL'S GHOST".

I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD BE ABLE TO UTILIZE IT...

AND YET. I CAN'T FEEL IT! I CAN'T SENSE ANYTHING!!

I-I'VE BEEN CUT! BUT WHEN?!

HUH.? WH-WHA..?

DON'T WORRY, IT WILL NOT HURT HEAVEN'S GHOST IS ALWAYS GENTLE TO THOSE IT DESTROYS.
WHAT?
SOON, EVEN YOUR BONES WILL FREEZE AND BEGIN TO DIE
YOU MIGHT HAVE WITHSTOOD HELL'S GHOST, BUT THIS DEEPEST OF FREEZES WILL DISABLE YOUR SUB-DERMAL CELLS AND ROB YOU OF ALL FEELING
HEAVEN'S GHOST IS THE ULTIMATE CHILL. AN ABILITY I COULD NOT SUMMON BEFORE
WHA ?
YOU WILL ENJOY A PEACEFUL DEATH, CRADLED IN THE ARMS OF THE HOLY MOTHER...
WHA ?
AAH..
AAAAHHH!!

N-NOT EVEN ONE MINUTE GONE AND ALREADY THE PAIN IS OVERWHE- MING
AAH
ARGH..
GAAAH !!
KRAK
KRIIP
AAGH
RRIP
RRIP
JULIAN WARNED ME
NGH
GAH
RRGH
THAT THIS WOULD BE THE PRICE I HAVE TO PAY!
AIEEEAAAH!
KRIIP
KRACK
AAAHHH..

CRACK
YOU HAVE CONSID-ERABLE NERVE, AKIRA
I DID NOT WANT TO UNDERGO THIS HIDEOUS TRANSFOR-MATION.
BUT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME NO CHOICE
NGH
CAN IT BE?!
THAT EVEN FROZEN WITHIN THE HOLY MOTHER MY ENEMY IS NOT DEFEATED?!

ALAS, YOU HAVE EARNED THE RIGHT TO WITNESS TOKITO OF THE FOUR ELDERS AT HIS FULLEST STRENGTH.
AND IT SEEMS **ONLY** THEN WILL YOU FINALLY RUE HAVING CHALLENGED THE MIGHT OF THE **GODS!!**

Kitsune Scanlations

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Formerlly known as 'Zeke Scanlations,' we've reformed as Kitsune Scanlations! I chose the name Kitsune since we were formed on the Mangafox boards (FYI Kitsune is Japanese for fox).Saitou Hajime is just a loyal member of the SDK community trying to help alleviate the dilemma regarding the long-missing chapters by providing the translation; and I, irulankahl, am a huge fan of the manga who is glad to be able to give back to the fan manga community by helping release the missing chapters. And we're almost there; just a few more chapters!

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MURAMASA, ONCE THE HEAD OF THE FOUR ELDERS, AND NOW THE GREATEST TRAITOR IN THE HISTORY OF THE MIBU CLAN.
YOU ARE THE ONLY CHILD TO INHERIT THE BLOOD OF MURAMASA...
THE CHILD MUST ATONE FOR THE FATHER'S SINS!
OF COURSE THE CHILD WILL BETRAY US! JUST LOOK AT WHOM THE CHILD CAME FROM!
NOT EVEN WORTH THE DIRT YOUR FATHER WALKS UPON!
WHAT A SHALLOW VICIOUS CHILD IN COMPARISON TO THE BENEVOLENT AND VIRTUOUS, MURAMASA-SAMA!
YOU'RE IDENTICAL TO MURAMASA-SAMA
YOU GOT THAT STRENGTH FROM FROM YOUR? FATHER HOW CAN YOU BE WEAK?
HE WAS A GENIUS, SO OF COURSE YOU'RE SMART!
PERHAPS YOU WILL DEFY THE MIBU WAYS AND LEAVE AS HE DID!
YOU MUST GUIDE THE MIBU CLAN AS MURAMASA-SAMA ONCE DID!
MURAMASA'S BLOOD! MURAMASA'S STRENGTH! MURAMA'S ABLITY!
JUST AS FOOLISH AS THE MAN WHO CREATED YOU!
THE SECOND COMING OF MURAMASA!
TOKITO
TOKITO
WAIT! THAT'S NOT ME.
MY NAME IS
I-I DON'T KNOW ANY MURAMASA

TOKITO..
THIS CURSED MURAMASA BLADE BELONGS TO YOU IT WAS FOUND IN THE UNDERGROUND LABYRINTH.
TOKITO..
BUT I
BUT
I CAST IT ASIDE I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH THAT HORRIBLE STUPID FATHER OF MINE IF I COULD I WOULD DESTROY THIS BODY THAT CAME FROM HIM.
YOUR FATHER LEFT THIS SWORD TO YOU YOU OUGHT TO TREASURE IT
YOU ARE YOUR OWN PERSON. YOUR BLOOD AND TALENT BELONG TO YOU, AND TO YOU ALONE BE PROUD OF THEM.
AND BE ALSO PROUD OF YOUR PHYSICAL APPERANCE--- YOU ARE SO YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL THAT MANY ENVY YOU.
IF THAT'S WHAT FUBUKI-SAN THINKS, THEN I WILL KEEP THIS FORM FOREVER.! ANYTHING TO HELP HIM.
ONLY FUBUKI-SAN ACCEPTS ME, ONLY FUBUKI-SAN CARES ABOUT ME.
FUBUKI SAN..

I COULD EVEN LEARN TO LOVE THE STRENGTH I INHERIT FROM MY FATHER'S DESPICABLE BLOOD...
SAMURAI DEEPER
KYO
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CHAPTER 257: A MIRACLE OF FATE
AKIRA, YOU HAVE EARNED THE RIGHT TO WITNESS TOKITO OF THE FOUR ELDERS AT HIS FULLEST STRENGTH WITH THE POWER OF THE GODS!!

.. I FEEL SICK. IT'S LIKE MY MIND IS TRYING TO REMEMBER SOMETHING I DON'T WANT TO KNOW..
THAT SMALL BODY HIDING ALL THAT POWER FOR SO LONG!
YOU.. YOU GREW!
I DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE TO LOOK THIS WAY. I CAN'T LET FUBUKI-SAN SEE ME LIKE THIS.
GROWING LARGER MAKES MY RESEMBLANCE TO MURAMASA GROW
PLUS.. THAT RAT
LETS GET THIS OVER WITH SO I CAN RETURN TO MY NORMAL FORM!
ALL MY ICE MELTED IN AN INSTANT?!
WHA..?!

ARGH!!
WHAT STRENGTH WHAT I SAW BEFORE WAS **NOTHING** IN COMPARISON!!
ACK!
AAAH!!
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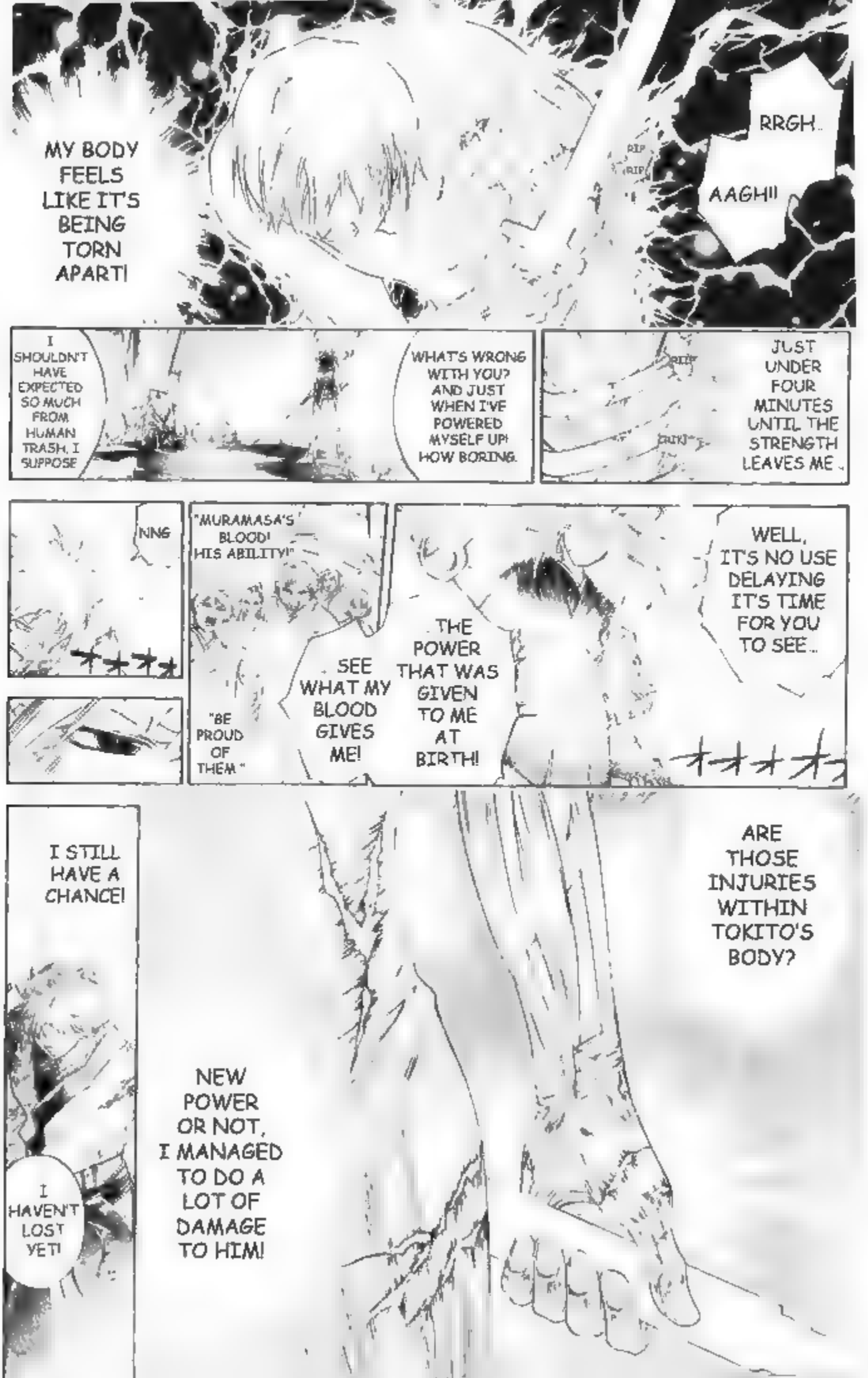

MY BODY FEELS LIKE IT'S BEING TORN APART!
RRGH..
RIP
RIP
AAGH!!
I SHOULDN'T HAVE EXPECTED SO MUCH FROM HUMAN TRASH, I SUPPOSE
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? AND JUST WHEN I'VE POWERED MYSELF UP! HOW BORING.
RIP
RIP
JUST UNDER FOUR MINUTES UNTIL THE STRENGTH LEAVES ME.
NNG
"MURAMASA'S BLOOD! HIS ABILITY!"
"BE PROUD OF THEM."
SEE WHAT MY BLOOD GIVES ME!
THE POWER THAT WAS GIVEN TO ME AT BIRTH!
WELL, IT'S NO USE DELAYING IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO SEE..
I STILL HAVE A CHANCE!
I HAVEN'T LOST YET!
NEW POWER OR NOT, I MANAGED TO DO A LOT OF DAMAGE TO HIM!
ARE THOSE INJURIES WITHIN TOKITO'S BODY?

YOU JUST DON'T KNOW WHEN TO GIVE UP!
VICTORY WILL BE MINE!
I HAVE LESS THAN FOUR MINUTES TO FINISH THIS FIGHT!

HO HO HO! TOOK ME A WHILE, BUT I'M FINALLY GETTIN' CLOSE TO THE TOP!
HANG ON, FORMER KING! LI'L SHIHODO'S COMIN' TA SEE YA!
HM?
YAAH!
I SMELL THE POWERFUL ODOR OF A CURSED BLADE CAN IT BE ?
WHAT'S THIS?

TOKITO LOOKS **JUST LIKE THE MOTHER...** AND THERE'S A BIG RESEMBLANCE TO MURAMASA TOO
WOW, TOKITO SURE GREW SINCE THE LAST TIME
AS I THOUGHT MURAMASA'S HOKUTO SHIICHISEI!
I didn't know it was here
WHO'S THAT TOKITO?
AH, MUSTA BEEN JULIAN THAT JERK! ALWAYS PUSHIN' CRAZY PRESSURE POINTS ON PEOPLE
LOOKS JUST LIKE A NORMAL HUMAN TO ME
WHO'S THE PAIR OF **SIDEBURNS** FIGHTING, THOUGH? ONE OF DEMON BOY'S FRIENDS?
HMM?
SIDEBURNS IS MATCHING TOKITO BLOW FOR BLOW! NOT BAD!

FIVE SECONDS.

FOUR SECONDS.

THREE.

10 SECONDS

15 SECONDS.

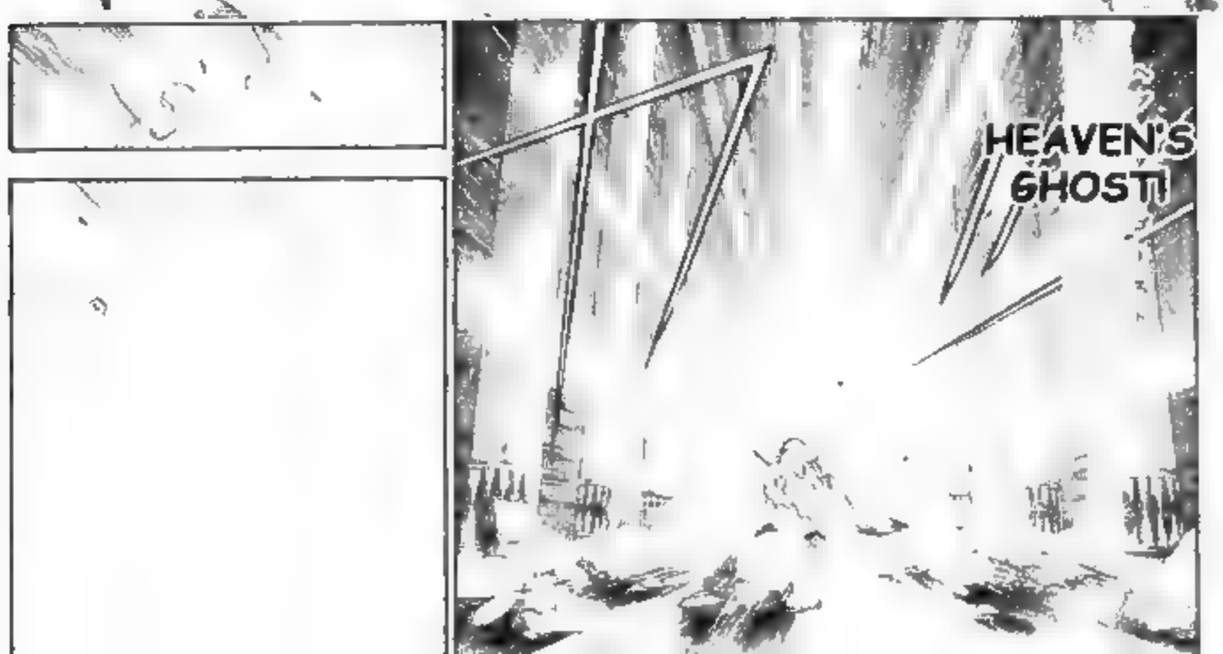
TWO MINUTES LEFT...

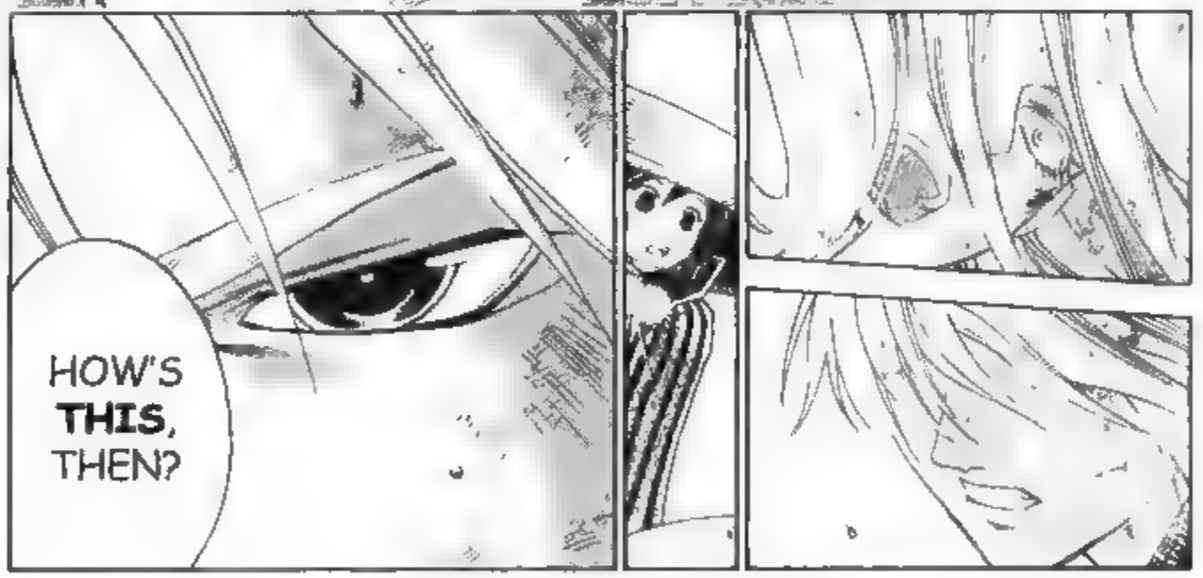
ONE MINUTE...

30 SECONDS.

TWO.
THIS IS THE END FOR YOU, AKIRA! DIE, YOU PIECE OF TRASH!
BLUE SKIES, SILVER NEBULA!
!!

ONE...
... WORK!
RIIIP
RIIIP
PLEASE
YEEEAAGGHHH!!!
CRACK
GAH...


HEAVEN'S GHOST!!


HOW'S **THIS**, THEN?

SO, WHO WON?
GOTTA BE CAREFUL! I NEARLY LET MYSELF GET BLOW OFF A THE BUILDING!
THEY'RE BOTH DOWN?
S-SIDEBURNS WON IT!
UNH .
UHNG
NNG

TOKITO!
NOT DONE YET
RRGH
JUST A BIT MORE
ACK..
URK
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU RAN OUT OF ENERGY, AKIRA..
WELL, WELL

...BUT NOW IT'S TIME TO SAY GOODBYE!
I JUST CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW A HOPELESS CREATURE LIKE YOU—WITHOUT BLOOD OR TALENT - COULD BECOME THIS STRONG.
AND I DON'T WANT TO UNDER-STAND.
WELL.
WHY DID YOU DO IT?
BUT
I WILL GIVE YOU SOME CREDIT.
YOUR PATHETIC ATTEMPTS WERE SO EXTREME, YOU GAVE ME A GOOD LAUGH.
TOKITO

WHA...

H-H-HOW?!

IT'S IT'S A MIRACLE

IMPOS-SIBLE...

SLASH

HIS BODY REACTED ON INSTINCT?

IT IS A MIRACLE

MORE OFTEN, MIRACLES ARE HIDING WITHIN THE STRANDS OF FATE, WAITING FOR THEIR TIME TO PEEK OUT
BUT MIRACLES AREN'T BORN OUT OF SHEER COINCIDENCE.
COUNTLESS MOVEMENTS, REPEATED UPON THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF TIMES, ETCHED THOSE SCARS INTO HIS BODY AND GAVE BIRTH TO THAT ONE SINGLE LUNGE
THE COUNTLESS SCARS THAT CROSS AND OVERLAP HIS BODY SILENTLY SPEAK ALL THAT I NEED TO KNOW
IN THE END, THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING THAT BROUGHT THAT IMMOBILE BODY INTO ACTION...
....AND THAT WAS THE MIRACLE OF EFFORT.

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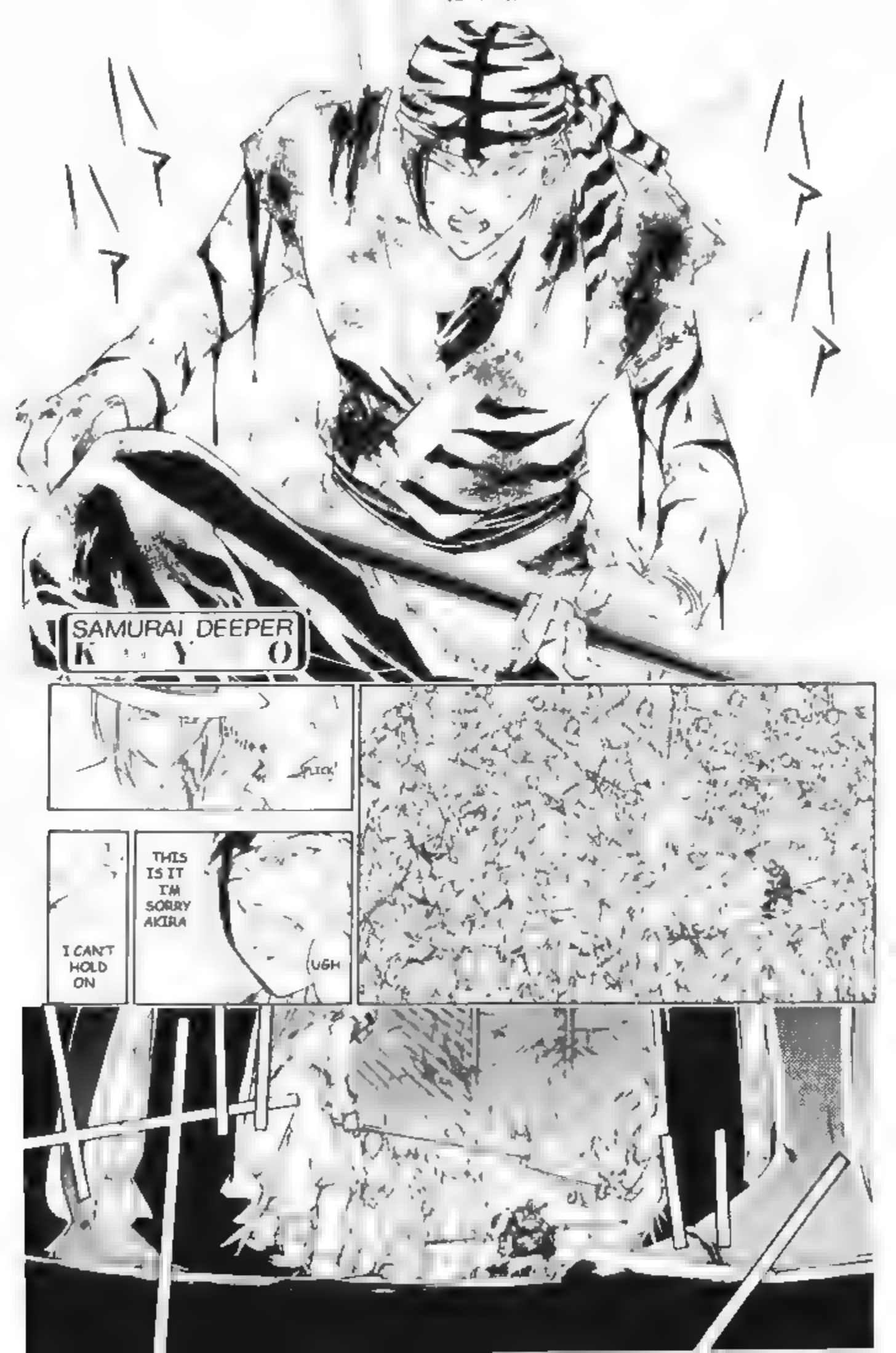
SAMURAI DEEPER
K Y O
CLICK
I CAN'T HOLD ON
THIS IS IT I'M SORRY AKIRA
UGH

CHAPTER 258: THE DISTANCE TO HIS BACK

HRGH!!
IT'S GUYS LIKE HIM THAT GET ME ALL HOT AND BOTHERED!
THAT FELLA WITH THE SIDEBURNS AIN'T TOO SHABBY FOR NOT BEIN' A MIBU!
WHY HATE YOUR TRUE FORM SO MUCH? I CAN PRACTICALLY HERE YOUR POOR BODY SHRIEKING IN PAIN.
GOING BACK TO YOUR CHILD FORM?
URSH
LOOK AT THE BODY
TOKITO!
WHAT AN UNDERHANDED MOVE. CALLING UPON THE ARMY TO DO THE DIRTY WORK!
WHAT?!
KILL HIM!
GATHER TO ME, FORBIDDEN TROOPS! ELIMINATE THIS HUMAN STAIN!
IMPOSSIBLE I CAN'T LOSE. I'M ONE OF THE FOUR ELDERS

WHY DOES NO ONE COME?!

HUH?

DON'T YOU DARE DISOBEY ME

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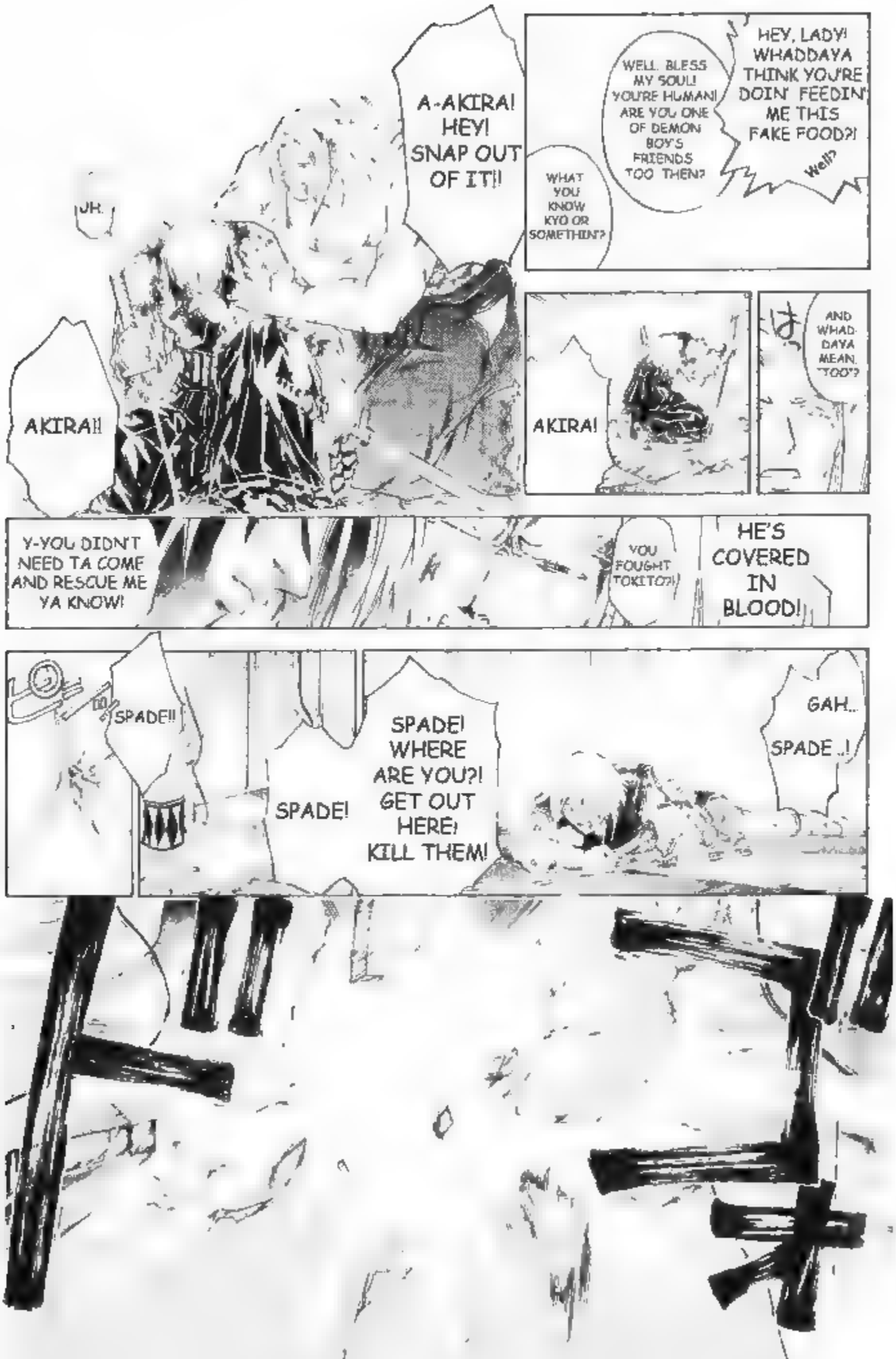
WHOA! WHAT IS THAT?! TIGER? BEAR? SOME SORT OF FEROCIOUS ANIMAL!
...DIVINE BEAST!
HE DEFEATED THAT ENORMOUS ARMY ON HIS OWN?! BUT HE WAS NEARLY DEAD EARLIER. S-SUCH POWER. SUCH AURA! IT'S UNLIKE ANYTHING I'VE SEEN FROM HIM BEFORE!
B-BONTEN-MARU ..?
NOW HE'S LIKE SOME
WHA ?
NO
I-I CAN'T MOVE
S-STOP IT...
STAY BACK...!

HERE'S A TREAT, BEASTIE! COME GET IT!
WHA ?! THE ANIMAL JUST TALKED!
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?!
It's just air!
MM?!
YAH!
YAH!
STAND!
DOWN!


A-AKIRA! HEY! SNAP OUT OF IT!!
UH.
AKIRA!!
HEY, LADY! WHADDAYA THINK YOU'RE DOIN' FEEDIN' ME THIS FAKE FOOD?!
Well?
WELL, BLESS MY SOUL! YOU'RE HUMAN! ARE YOU ONE OF DEMON BOY'S FRIENDS TOO THEN?
WHAT YOU KNOW KYO OR SOMETHIN?
AKIRA!
AND WHADDAYA MEAN, "TOO"?
Y-YOU DIDN'T NEED TA COME AND RESCUE ME YA KNOW!
YOU FOUGHT TOKITO?!
HE'S COVERED IN BLOOD!
SPADE!!
SPADE!
SPADE! WHERE ARE YOU?! GET OUT HERE! KILL THEM!
GAH..
SPADE..!

S-SPADE HURRY UP AND GET RID OF THEM!
WHA ?
!?
HEY THERE!
WE BEAT ALL THE FORBIDDEN TROOPS OVER HERE!
HOW'D IT GO WITH TOKITO?
WE'RE HERE TO HELP!
HEY, AKIRA, YOU OKAY?!
WE WERE WORRIED SO WE CAME TO CHECK ON YOU BEFORE LEAVING THE TOWER!
BENITORA'S KNOCKED OUT, BUT HE'S ALIVE!
TOO BAD WE LET SPADE GET AWAY
He's slippery, y'know?
DON'T TELL YUAN OKAY?
We weren't supposed to come

HEY! ISN'T THAT THE POOP LADY?!
And there's the big guy too!
ARE THESE ALL JULIAN'S KIDS?
B-BENITORA!
WHA ?
WHY DON'T YOU GIVE IT UP TOKITO? YOU GOT NO ONE TO FOLLOW YOUR ORDERS ANYMORE
M-ME CUTE?
YOU'RE AKIRA'S FRIEND? SO CUTE!
IS AKIRA OKAY?!

YOU LOST, PLAIN AND SIMPLE.

TH-TH-THIS STUPID CURSED MURAMASE BLADE! THIS STUPID MURAMASA BLOOD! EVEN THE FORBIDDEN ARMY AND SPADE WERE MORE TROUBLE THAN THEY'RE WORTH!
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE! I'M AN ELDER! I CANNOT LOSE! IT'S UNTHINKABLE!
DAMMIT!
THEY'RE ALL USELESS! ALL OF THEM!
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TOKITO
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SO, YOU'RE ALIVE YOU LITTLE ROACH
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AKIRA!
I-IN THE END... ALL YOU DID WAS RELY ON OTHERS

..TRUE INNER STRENGTH CANNOT BE GAINED FROM MERE BLOOD OR POTENTIAL.
IF BLOOD AND TALENT ARE WHAT MAKES YOU STRONG
AND YOUR BLOOD, SWORD, AND TROOPS ARE WHAT MAKES YOU WEAK
.. THEN WHAT HAVE YOU ACTUALLY DONE ON YOUR OWN?
WHAT?!
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES WE FIGHT, YOU WILL NEVER BEAT ME
HMPH. WHAT MAKES YOU CERTAIN OF THAT, SCUM?
H-HEY! AKIRA
BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, I CAN BELIEVE IN MYSELF
AS YOU SAID, PHYSICAL CAPABILITY AND STRENGTH MAY COME FROM BLOOD, TALENT AND ABILITY HOWEVER ..

I DON'T NEED BLOOD OR TALENT...
AT THE MOMENT MY HEART IS STRONGER THAN YOURS BECAUSE YOU CAN'T CONTROL YOUR INNER WEAKNESS.
DON'T BE FOOLED
THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN LEARN TO BELIEVE IN YOURSELF IS FROM EXPERIENCE YOU MUST CONQUER ALL TESTS - FROM THE NUMBING TO THE MUNDANE TO THE DIFFICULT
THAT IS WHERE I GET MY INNER STRENGTH.
YOU HAVEN'T LEARNED WHICH IS EXACTLY WHY WE CAN CONTINUE FIGHTING AND I WILL BEAT YOU EVERY TIME!
AKIRA.
INNER STRENGTH...?
"WHY WON'T HE FALL?"
GRAAHH!
"WHY DON'T YOU EVER GIVE UP?"
HMM. AFTER ALL YOU SAID, YOU'RE CLINGING TO THE NAME OF THE MAN YOU HATE MORE THAN ANY OTHER?
Y-YOU'RE FULL OF IT! I'M ONE OF THE FOUR ELDERS! CHILD OF MURAMASA!
I'M MADE OF STERNER STUFF THAN TRASH LIKE YOU! THE SAME RULES DON'T APPLY TO ME!

AKIRA.

I WILL MEET YOUR CHALLENGE AT ANY TIME, ALTHOUGH AT THE PRESENT, THERE IS NO WAY FOR YOU TO DEFEAT ME.

SHUT YOUR MOUTH!

BUT..

YOU JUST NEED TO FIND YOUR FUTURE, TOKITO. THE PATH YOU ARE MEANT TO TAKE.

HE'S SCARED SCARED OF SEEING WHO HE REALLY IS NOT AS AN ELDER, NOT AS MURAMASA'S KID..

TOKITO

... AND THE FIRST THING YOU NEED TO DO IS CATCH UP WITH **ME**.. THE MAN YOU BELITTLED AND DISCOURAGED!!

THE EXACT SAME FEARS THAT I HAD..

HE'S WORRIED THAT ALL ON HIS OWN, HIS STRENGTH AND EXISTENCE MEAN NOTHING..

YOU'RE OKAY EVEN IF YOUR PATH IS DIFFERENT FROM MINE, YOU CAN STILL FIND IT

TOKITO YOU ARE ANGRY NOW BUT YOU WILL SOON REALIZE THE STRUGGLE AHEAD OF YOU.

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A-AKIRA?

I HAVE MUCH FURTHER TO GO TO CATCH UP TO HIM THAN I'D IMAGINED.
WHAT IF HE IS RIGHT? THE EXPERIENCE ETCHED ON HIS BACK...
..I AM ONE OF THE FOUR ELDERS!
BUT, NO.
I WONDER WHAT KYO WOULD SAY IF HE COULD SEE YOU KNOW.
AKIRA HAS GROWN SO MUCH IN SUCH A SHORT TIME
HEY DON'T PUSH IT
UGH!

WE'LL FIX YOU UP RIGHT HERE!
LET'S GET WORKING!
OKAY, ENOUGH TALKING! WE'D BETTER PATCH YOU FOLKS UP BEFORE YOU ALL GET DEAD
NEED SPLINTS?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU MANAGED TO EVEN STAND. YOUR BONES ARE SHATTERED! HOW'D YOU DO THAT?
YEOW. THOSE LOOK AWFUL. WE MIGHT NOT EVEN BE ABLE TO HELP WITH SOME OF THESE
B-BEASTIE BOY?
AKIRA BEASTIE BOY SHOW ME YOUR WOUNDS!
DON'T WORRY. HE'S ALIVE. HE'S JUST NOT CONSCIOUS YET
FORGET ME. HELP TORA
WAIT, TOKITO
RRGH. NNK.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?! YOU THINK YOU'RE SO SUPERIOR, SHOWING MERCY TO ME? JUST KI... ME ALREADY!
MERCY? NAH, NOT AT ALL.
Sigh
HE'S SO STUBBORN. JUST LIKE SOMEONE ELSE I KNOW
QUIT BEIN' STUBBORN, AND GO GET LOOKED AT NOT EVEN THE MIBU CLAN CAN GET BY WITHOUT HEALING NOW AND THEN.
BONTEN-MARU
"SCUM AND TRASH" LIKE US JUST LIKE STICKIN' OUR NOSES IN OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS!
WHA..?
PUT ME DOWN! I'LL KILL YOU!
TAKE IT EASY! STOP THROWIN' A TEMPER TANTRUM!
WHY YOU
L-LET ME GO
AW WHAT'S THE MATTER? CAN'T FIGHT BACK ON YOUR STATE?
Not getting my arm broken again!
S-STOP IT!
NO
STOP IT!
LET'S GET THIS OFF YA AND---
DON'T BE SO SHY! GOSH, YOU'RE JUST LIKE A GIRL!
you big sissy!
REP

Ban's Eyes →

DONK
*AAAAAAAAH?!
O-ONE LITTLE MOUNT-AIN...
T-TWO LITTLE MOUNT-AINS...
HUH?
WHAT THE?!
TOKITO, YOU'RE A G-G-GIR—
HUH?
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
DON'T STARE AT ME WITH YOUR FILTHY EYES!

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Okay, you won't believe this. With one chapter left to go, Saitou Hajime does not have the last chapter. Chapter 259 is in volume 33, which he doesn't have. So we are once again in need of a translator. I have the Japanese Raw if someone can just do this LAST chapter.

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